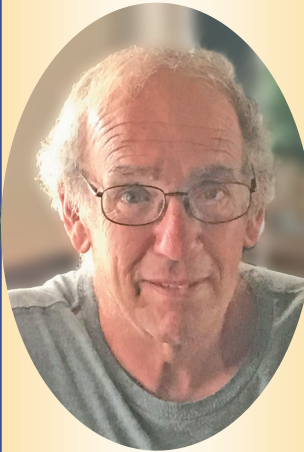


More Than
100 Years
of Service



TOWN OF
Cummington
MASSACHUSETTS

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2019

Bernie Forgea

A total of 49 years service
to the Fire Department, 23 years as Chief

Russell “Kip” Sears III

26 years as Selectman, Finance Committee member,
Central Berkshire Regional School District Committee member,
for a total of 40 plus years

Susan Warriner

21 years as Tax Collector / Treasurer

Thank you to the three of you for your unselfish
commitment to “Only One Cummington.”

Town of
**CUMMINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS**



**ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR
ENDING
JUNE 30, 2019**

Adams Specialty & Printing Co.
Adams, Massachusetts

Town of Cummington

Established In 1762 as Township #5
Incorporated June 23, 1779

AREA
23.06 Square Miles

MILES OF TOWN ROADS
49.2

MILES OF STATE HIGHWAYS
9

UNITED STATES SENATORS
Elizabeth Warren
Edward J. Markey

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
Richard E. Neal

MASSACHUSETTS STATE SENATOR
Adam Hinds

MASSACHUSETTS STATE REPRESENTATIVE
Natalie Blais

GOVERNOR
Charlie Baker

HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
James A. Drawe

TOWN MEETING DATE – First Friday in May

TOWN ELECTION – Second Monday in May

POPULATION – Census 2010 - 872



Elected Officials

Member

Term Expires

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

William F. Adams	2022
Monica M. Vandoloski	2021
Russell L. Sears, III	2020

TOWN CLERK

Donna Jordan	2020
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TREASURER

Susan Warriner	2020
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TAX COLLECTOR

Susan L. Warriner	2021
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BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Sam Konieczny	2021
Joshua Mobley	2020
Joy Johns	2022

MODERATOR

Donna L. Forgea	2020
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VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Robert Godfrey	2022
Sharon Cunningham	2021
Jane Adams	2020

ALMONER OF CHARITABLE FUNDS

Bernard L. Forgea	2022
Joyce A. Wiernasz	2021
Susan L. Forgea	2020

Member***Term Expires*****COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUND**

Scott Keith	2022
Amanda Savoie	2021
Kenneth Howes	2020

WATER COMMISSIONERS

Todd Emerson	2022
Tomasz Jaracz	2021
Dann Emerson	2020

TRUSTEES of the BRYANT FREE LIBRARY

John Maruskin	2024
Eliza Dragon	2023
Gregory Tessier	2022
Brenda S. Arbib	2021
Deborah Hoechstetter	2020

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Stephanie Bean	2022
Jill Figliozzi	2022
Scott B. Keith	2021
Maureen L. Tumenas	2021
Daniel G. Loux	2020
Dennis W. Forgea	2020
Susan L. Warriner, Treasurer	
(Ex-Officio non-voting member)	2020
Donna L. Forgea, Moderator	
(Ex-officio non-voting member)	2020

BOARD OF HEALTH

James Wettereau	2022
John G. Earls	2021
Judith C. Bogart	2020

Member***Term Expires*****PLANNING BOARD**

Katherine Eiseman	2024
Kalyon Uprichard	2023
Lee Fournier-Lewis	2022
Judith Bogart	2021
Robert Taylor	2020

**CUMMINGTON RECREATION
And PETTINGILL MEMORIAL FIELD COMMITTEE**

Nicole Wortis	2022
Geraldine Wilcox	2022
Donna L. Forgea	2021
Laurie A. Freitag	2021
Amy Grallert	2021
Eliza Dragon	2020
Jennifer O'Neil	2020

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

James A. Drawe	2020
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CONSTABLES

Sharon J. Cunningham	2022
Michael A. Perkins III	2022

MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT BOARD

Scot Keith	2022
Allan Douglas	2021
Maureen Tumenas	2021
Brenda Arbib	2020
Michael Perkins II	2020

**REPRESENTATIVE TO CENTRAL BERKSHIRE REGIONAL
SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Todd Emerson	2022
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Appointed Officials

Appointments by the Board of Selectmen

<i>Member</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
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AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

H. Sydney O'Leary	2022
Daniel G. Loux	2022
Paul H. Streeter	2021
Sara Scanlon-Fournier	2021
Jeanette A. Horton	2020
Loredana Holmes	2020
Tomas Jaracz	2020

APPEALS, ZONING BOARD of

Mark G. Bevan	2022
Carla C. Ness	2022
Michael Holden	2021
Kenneth L. Howes	2020
Ernest T. Strong	2020
Eric Smith, Associate	2021

LOCAL CULTURAL COUNCIL

Eliza Dragon	2021
Becky Kravetz	2021
John Bye	2021
Seva Tower	2020
Jeanne Johns	2020
Patricia Brundage	2020
Kim Wachtel	2020
June Ferrin	Emerita

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Robert D. Dextraze	2020
William F. Adams	2020
Jacob Jordan	2020
Gloria Robbins	2020
Russell L. Sears, III	2020
Monica M. Vandoloski	2020

Member***Term Expires*****EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Adam Dragon	2020
Bernard Forgea	2020
Dennis W. Forgea	2020
Sara Fournier-Scanlon	2020
Michael Perkins II	2020

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Gerald F. Howes, Jr.	2022
Robert Arbib	2022
Sarah Scanlon-Fournier	2021
Matthew Drawe	2021
Alan Douglas	2021
Robert D. Dextraze	2020
John D. Eisenhower	2020

COUNCIL ON AGING

Worth Noyes	2022
Elliot Ring	2022
Kathleen Knox	2021
Anne Lambert	2021
Nancy Cole	2021
Margaret L. Daniels	2020
JoDee Simard	2020

FENCE VIEWERS & FIELD DRIVERS

Peter Marcoux	2020
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HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Alan Taylor	2020
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HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Leslie Keller	2022
Lawrence Slezak	2022
Carla Ness	2022
Karen Westergard	2021
Patricia Keith	2021
Michael Daniels	2020
Hannah Streeter	2020

<i>Member</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS	
Kenneth Howes	2020
INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS	
Joseph Latronica	2020
INSPECTOR OF GAS FITTINGS	
Donald Lawton	2020
INSPECTOR OF WIRING	
William Graham	2020
John Lyons, Assistant	2020
POLICE CHIEF	
Michael Andrew Perkins II	2020
POLICE OFFICERS	
Sharon Cunningham	2020
Jeffrey Fish	2020
FIRE CHIEF	
Bernard Forgea	2020
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS	
Brenda Arbib	2022
Mary Bourdon	2021
Donna Jordan	2020
Brenda Emerson-Camp	2020
SELECTMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE TO LIBRARY TRUSTEES	
Jane Adams	2020
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	
Casey Dwyer	2020

Member***Term Expires*****SURVEYORS OF WOOD & TIMBER**

Robert D. Dextraze	2020
David F. Robb, Jr	2020

TOWN COUNSEL

Michael Siddall	2020
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TREE WARDEN

Robert Dextraze	2020
Alan Taylor	2020

VETERANS AGENT

Inter-Municipal Veterans Services	
Thomas Geryk	2020

LOWER PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION

Kalyon Uprichard	2020
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RIGHT TO KNOW COORDINATORS

James D. Martin, Jr	2020
Ernest Strong	2020

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Elizabeth Braccia	2020
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SECRETARY TO SELECTMEN

Monica M. Vandoloski	2020
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HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT PROJECTION COMMITTEE

Robert Dextraze	2020
Peter J. Marcoux, Sr.	2020
Delbert H. Robbins	2020
Russell L. Sears III	2020
Ernest T. Strong	2020
Alan Taylor	2020

Member***Term Expires*****BUILDING REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Mark Demaranville	2020
Roger B. Gunn	2020
Peter Tessier	2020
Eliot Ring	2020
James D. Martin, Jr	2020

PETTINGILL CLOCK COMMITTEE

Scott B. Keith	2020
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WESTFIELD RIVER WILD & SCENIC PROGRAM

Advisory Committee	
Amy Pulley	2020

EDUCATION ADHOC COMMITTEE

Jill Figliozzi	2020
Nicole Wortis	2020
Joshua Wachtel	2020

IT COMMITTEE

Joy Johns	2020
Michael Andrew Perkins II	2020
Mark Bevan	2020
Allan Douglas	2020
William Adams	2020

CUMMINGTON WEB SITE

<http://www.Cummington-Ma.gov>

Selectboard Report

To the Citizens of Cummington

Learning the lessons from our first MassWorks submission in 2018, the fight continues for a state funded solution for the resurfacing of Route 112 with a second \$1.4 million submission in the works. With a chance of success at 10% MassDOT and Office of Housing and Economic Development have been very supportive in understanding the issues we face.

The Highway Department Chapter 90 work this year will involve sections of Bryant Road, Potash Hill Extension, Dodwells Road, West Cummington and Route 112. The extra effort by our Highway Department in properly maintaining our gravel roads is paying off.

Placing the MLP Hub at BTES, pole counts and other critical make ready efforts are nearing completion, and to date, on schedule. With the approval by the Town for a \$1.4 million loan as part of the town's cost share to complete the broadband project, our MLP Committee has placed us in a good spot for success on a long awaited need for the Town.

The continuing saga of what will be the best use of the Berkshire Trail Elementary School building that will be in the best interest of the town continues. A draft Analysis by Jeff Penn of requirements to bring the building up to current code as required by the Building Inspector and Fire Chief, and discussions in changing its use code, now required the Selectboard to insist on the need to vacate the building as part of that process. The need to form an AdHoc Committee to advise the Selectboard on possible future uses of the building also became paramount.

Over our most vehement objections, CBRSD, using a quirk in the law, conducted a popular versus a long tradition of by town votes, per the Regional Agreement, to see if the seven member towns would support the building of a new Wahconah High School at a cost of around \$73 million. Despite the towns of Hinsdale, Windsor, Peru and Cummington all voting down the school, it passed by 88 votes at an unintended cost to the town of approximately \$1.2 million in FY2021.

Marijuana cultivation business interest sparked the creation of a medical and recreational marijuana bylaw. There are potentially three cultivators interested in locating in Cummington.

Truck crews from Eversource spent considerable time throughout the summer and fall in town trimming our roadside trees throughout. This effort was to improve service reliability to us and surrounding hilltowns.

An application for a special permit by Dollar General to build a facility on the land currently occupied by the apple storage building sparked a ground swell of concern for preservation of the town's rural character and competition versus need for establishing a business and tax base for the town. Voted down by

our Zoning Board, the appeal rests in the Land Court. Committees and Boards involved - we commend everyone for the time and effort put in on this project. This issue brought to the forefront a sharp divide amongst Town folks. Some opposed it for superfluous reasons. Others embraced it for the economic and convenience reasons. To simply oppose things because some view Cummington as small and quaint ignore our history. At one time, Cummington had multiple mills, many stores, taverns, gas stations etc. The idea that if we let one in, more will follow, and that we will become the Hadley of the hilltowns is a shallow and not well thought argument. Our topography and Route 9's closeness to the Westfield River begs the question.

A seven year effort by Monica and Kip, in conjunction with our legislative representative Natalie Blais and Senator Adam Hinds, to convert a parcel of APR land currently owned by the Sears Family to be donated to expand the Bryant Cemetery continues. A very complicated and politically sensitive issue under House Bill #4846, the Board is optimistic that this kind gesture will come to pass.

Chief Bernard Forgea tendered his resignation as Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director after 26 years of dedicated service to the Town as Fire Chief on April 4, 2019. Bernie gave unselfishly for 23 years prior to becoming Chief as a member of the volunteer Fire Department for a total of 49 years involvement with the Fire Department. Thank you Bernie for your great service to Cummington.

Russell L. Sears III, known to all of us as Kip, resigned after faithfully serving as a member of the Selectboard for 26 years, including 14 years as Chairman. He also was a member of the Finance Committee from 1979-1993 and also a member of the CBRSD Regional School Committee for a total of 40 plus years of unselfish service to Cummington.

Elizabeth Braccia resigned in November as Accountant.

Susan Warriner resigned May 13, 2019 as Treasurer/Tax Collector after 21 years of loyal and tireless service to the Town.

Amanda Savoie was appointed Treasurer/Tax Collector in May after serving as Assistant to Susan for 6 months.

Angelica was appointed Accountant.

Adam Dragon was appointed Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director on May 4, 2019.

The Selectboard welcomed Eliza Dragon as its newest member to fill Kip Sears remaining term.

Respectfully submitted

William F. Adams

Monica M. Vandoloski

Eliza Dragon

Expenditures 2019

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001.100.5110 - Official Salaries	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Carried Forward
Appropriation	40,820			
Adams Jane W.		15		
Adams William F.		1,326		
Bevan Mark G.		550		
Bogart Judith C.		167		
Cunningham Sharon		19		
Dextraze Jr. Robert		50		
Dragon Eliza J.		171		
Earls John G.		500		
Emerson Dann M.		300		
Emerson Todd		40		
Forgea Donna		534		
Godfrey Robert C.		3		
Jaracz Tomasz		326		
Johns Joy M.		1,117		
Jordan Donna C.		8,000		
Konieczny Samuel		1,092		
Lynds Theodore F.		33		
Mobley Robert		550		
Savoie Amanda J.		1,065		
Sears III Russell L.		1,266		
Split Payroll		683		
Vandoloski Monica		1,300		
Warriner Susan L.		20,802		
Wettereau James		1,000		
Interfund Transfers	89			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	0
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001.100.5400 - Administration General				
Appropriation	5,000			
Adams Specialty & Printing Co.		85		
Angelica Desroches		446		
Cumington Supply Inc.		6		
Daily Hampshire Gazette		76		
Flag Guys		239		
Hampshire County Registry of Deeds		75		
HF Group LLC		110		
Mass Labor Law Poster Service		80		
MMA		516		
Mohawk Office Equipment Co., Inc		544		
Monica Vandoloski		11		
Reclass-Savoie Amanda J.		441		
Savoie Amanda J.		2,147		
U. S. Postal Service		122		
W.B. Mason		414		
Interfund Transfers	311			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	0
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001.100.5430 - Administration Various Officials	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Carried Forward
Appropriation	800			
Douglas Donna		318		
Split Payroll		15		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			467	0
001.122.5400 - Administration Selectmen				
Appropriation	14,400			
Split Payroll		-666		
Vandoloski Monica		14,490		
Interfund Transfers	-399			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			177	0
001.122.5810 - Municipal Light Plant				
Appropriation	1,000			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			1,000	0
001.122.5820. - Cemetery Capital				
Appropriation	10,000			
Carry Forward Capital	10,500	10,500		
Frederica Chick		10,000		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	10,500
001.131.5400 - Admin Finance Committee				
Appropriation	150			
Assoc. of Town Finance Committees		135		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			15	0
001.132.5400 - Reserve Fund				
Appropriation	6,000			
Transfer to Insurance and Bonds		-1,750		
Transfer to Pub Safety		-3,400		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			5,150	0
001.135.5100 - Accountant Salary				
Appropriation	11,000			
Carry Forward	2,750			
Braccia Elizabeth J.		4,975		
Desroches Angelica		10,083		
Interfund Transfers	457			
Split Payroll		67		
STM 3/7/19	918			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	0

001.135.5400 - Admin Accountant	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Carried Forward
	4,600			
Accela, Inc.		4,454		
W.B. Mason		77		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			69	0
001.136.5400 - Town Audit				
	8,000			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	8,000
001.141.5111 - Assessor's Clerk				
	10,600			
Johns Joy M.		9,692		
Split Payroll		-525		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			1,433	0
001.141.5200 - Assessor's Consultant				
	6,500			
Bevan Mark G.		1,213		
Johns Joy M.		1,190		
Konieczny Samuel		1,440		
Mayflower Valuation, Ltd.		900		
Mobley Robert		500		
Split Payroll		640		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			617	0
001.141.5400 - Administration Assessors				
	4,500			
BCAA		15		
Daily Hampshire Gazette		48		
Hampden/Hampshire County		40		
HHCAA		40		
Johns Joy M.		883		
MAAO		100		
Mobley Robert		36		
Patriot Properties, Inc.		2,000		
Robert Joshua Mobley		27		
U. S. Postal Service		384		
W.B. Mason		214		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			712	0
001.141.5430 - Assessor's Tax Maps				
	2,400			
Mainstreetgis, LLC		2,400		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	0

001.145.5400 - Administrator Treasurer	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Carried Forward
Appropriation	6,310			
Accela, Inc.		4,454		
Hampshire/Franklin County Ct		10		
Harpers Data Services Inc.		971		
Inform Business Systems		91		
Ma Collector & Treasurer Assoc.		25		
Paradise Copies		240		
STM 3/7/19	1,000			
Susan Warriner		68		
U. S. Postal Service		527		
W.B. Mason		316		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			609	0
001.146.5400 - Admin Tax Collector				
Appropriation	7,284			
Hampshire/Franklin County Ct		12		
MA Collector & Treasurer Assoc.		25		
Point Software		4,900		
U. S. Postal Service		1,077		
W.B. Mason		409		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			861	0
001.151.5200 - Town Counsel				
Appropriation	10,000			
Markey and Barrett P.C.		4,532		
Siddall & Siddall, P.C.		2,613		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	2,856
001.158.5400 - Tax Title Expenses				
Appropriation	6,000			
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		300		
Siddall & Siddall, P.C.		3,406		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	2,294
001.161.5400 Admin Town Clerk				
Appropriation	1,500			
Interfund Transfers	-167			
MA Town Clerk's Association		15		
Stevensville Corp.		560		
U. S. Postal Service		520		
W.B. Mason		153		
Western MA City & Town Clerks' Assoc.		23		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			62	0

001.162.5110 Election & Registration	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Carried Forward
Appropriation	0			
Bogart Judith C.		164		
Brundage Patricia		88		
Cunningham Sharon		230		
Elections for HRSD		-583		
Harrison Kathryn A.		77		
Horton Jeanette A.		196		
Interfund Transfers	2,185			
Jay Kristin M.		227		
Johns Joy M.		342		
Jordan Donna C.		400		
Jordan Jared R.		143		
Parsons Anne M.		84		
Perkins Michael A.		417		
Reclass-Jordan Donna C.		-400		
Vandoloski Monica		442		
Wolf Carolyn		358		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	0
001.162.5400 Election & Registration				
Appropriation	2,508			
Danforth Printing		275		
Donna Jordan		95		
Interfund Transfers	-2,018			
Turley Publications, Inc.		120		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	0
001.171.5400 - Conservation Commission				
Appropriation	250			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			250	0
001.175.5400 - Planning Board				
Appropriation	1,600			
Brundage Patricia		562		
Budget Error	-146			
Daily Hampshire Gazette		981		
Godfrey Ilse D.		45		
Interfund Transfers	630			
The Old Stone Mill Center LLC		350		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			146	0
001.176.5400 - ZBA				
Appropriation	500			
Brundage Patricia		69		
Carla Ness		54		
Turley Publications, Inc.		148		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			229	0

001.192.5300 - IT Maintenance	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Carried Forward
Appropriation	315			
Douglas Donna		315		
Interfund Transfers	315			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			315	0
001.192.5340 - Internet/Telephone				
Appropriation	19,000			
Crocker Telecommunications, LLC		3,821		
DD Graphics Web Media		930		
Douglas Donna		282		
Interfund Transfers	-1,588			
Reclass		78		
Split Payroll		167		
Verizon		7,388		
Verizon Business		25		
W.B. Mason		399		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			4,322	0
001.192.5400 - Community House				
Appropriation	15,808			
Alternative Recycling Systems		301		
Charles Lesage		130		
Crocker Telecommunications, LLC		347		
Cummington Supply Inc.		54		
D.J. Clary Plumbing & Heating		175		
Eversource		3,445		
Eversource Reclass		-461		
George Propane, Inc.		6,628		
Horton Jeanette		2,160		
Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP		1,499		
Jordan Donna		572		
Jordan Jacob R.		105		
Pittsfield Fire & Safety Co., Inc.		131		
Reclass		-78		
Split Payroll		-452		
Split Payroll Corrections		-120		
Stevensville Corp.		230		
Town of Cummington		292		
USA Waste and Recycling Inc.		417		
Verizon Business		3		
W.B. Mason		352		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			77	0
001.192.5460 - Lawn Mowing				
Appropriation	5,500			
Cunningham Sharon		85		
Jordan Jacob R.		250		
Robbins Gloria		1,342		
Split Payroll		351		
Westfield Equipment Service		1,547		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			1,926	0

001.192.5850 - Community House Capital	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Carried Forward
	0			
Carry Forward Capital	4,344			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	4,344
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001.195.5200 - Town Reports				
	3,400			
Adams Specialty & Printing Co.		2,104		
Monica Vandoloski		5		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			1,291	0
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001.210.5100 - Police Dept Salaries				
	19,400			
Cunningham Sharon		968		
Perkins Michael A.		15,466		
Split Payroll		2,568		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			399	0
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001.210.5400 - Police Department				
	13,000			
Blue Line Corp.		667		
Cummington Supply Inc.		52		
DD Graphics Web Media		360		
Ed's Auto Repair		157		
Guardian Uniform and Supply		314		
Hampshire Sheriff's Office		828		
Integration Partners Corporation		630		
Jurek Brothers, Inc.		266		
LRB Auto Inc.		1,681		
MA Chiefs of Police Assoc., Inc.		814		
Michael Perkins		410		
MPA - Dues		74		
MPA - PAC		10		
Municipal Police Institute, Inc.		729		
Nespin		100		
Newegg Business, Inc.		1,368		
Pittsfield Fire & Safety Co., Inc.		317		
Sentry Uniform Inc.		681		
System Works LLC		600		
Telrepco		143		
TMDE Calibration Labs, Inc.		240		
U. S. Postal Service		76		
Verizon		1,714		
W.B. Mason		212		
W.M.L.E.C.		300		
Western Mass Chiefs of Police Assoc.		100		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			156	0

001.210.5800 - Police Capital	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Carried Forward
Appropriation	3,000			
Carry Forward Capital	8,249			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	11,249
001.220.5400 - FD & Forest Warden				
Appropriation	21,171			
Adam Dragon		112		
Aeiou		160		
Auto Plus		1,018		
Bacon's Equipment		204		
Berkshire County Fire Chiefs Assoc.		100		
Bernard Forgea		417		
C & H Dehydrators		95		
Carry Forward	6,987			
Conrad Liebenow		282		
Cummington Supply Inc.		122		
DLC		2,250		
Ed's Auto Repair		948		
Eliza J. Dragon		39		
Fail Safe Testing,		2,041		
Fire Chief's Association of Massachusetts, Inc.		200		
Firehouse Software		675		
Fleetpride		200		
G & S Industrial, Inc.		83		
Hampshire County Fire Defense Assoc.		600		
Massachusetts Fire Technologies, Inc.		120		
Michael D. Smith		590		
Minuteman Trucks, Inc.		524		
Municipal Emergency Services		9,101		
NFPA		411		
Operating Budget		0		
Pittsfield Communications		336		
Pittsfield Fire & Safety Co., Inc.		421		
Reberland Equipment Inc.		519		
Strategic Safety Dynamics LLC		1,500		
Western MA Fire Chiefs Association		115		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			4,973	0
001.220.5800 - Fire Dept. Capital				
Appropriation	4,000			
Carry Forward Capital	7,330			
Municipal Emergency Services		7,330		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	4,000
001.231.5400 - Highland Ambulance				
Appropriation	43,162			
Highland Ambulance EMS, Inc.		43,162		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	0

001.241.5100 - Building Inspector Wages	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Carried Forward
Appropriation	9,270			
Latronica Joseph P.		9,265		
Split Payroll		5		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	0
001.241.5400 - Building Inspector Admin				
Appropriation	500			
International Code Council		135		
Joseph Latronica		175		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	0
001.290.5400 - Public Safety Complex				
Appropriation	17,414			
Absolute Fire Protection, Inc.		555		
Cummington Supply Inc.		37		
Eversource		5,796		
F.W. Webb Company		68		
Fire Detection Systems		3,638		
George Propane, Inc.		4,741		
Hampshire Cty. Emerg. Communication System		486		
Interstate Battery System		108		
Kinsley Power Systems		784		
Pittsfield Fire & Safety Co., Inc.		469		
Town of Cummington		1,205		
Transfer from Reserve Fund	3,400			
United Divers, Inc.		1,868		
USAblookbook		436		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			623	0
001.290.5800 - Public Safety Complex Cap				
Appropriation	0			
Carry Forward Capital	1,002			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	1,002
001.291.5400 - Emergency Management				
Appropriation	1,876			
Alice Cozzolino		205		
Bernard Forgea		48		
Blackboard		1,046		
Carry Forward	353			
Eliza J Dragon		30		
Reclass Training from Grant		900		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	0

001.292.5100 - Animal Control Officer	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Carried Forward
Appropriation	0			
Dwyer Casey E.		1,925		
Interfund Transfers	1,925			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	0
001.292.5400 - Animal Control Officer				
Appropriation	3,500			
Hampshire Council of Governments		50		
Interfund Transfers	-1,925			
Split Payroll		337		
Trailside Veterinary Services		440		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			748	0
001.293.5400 - Animal Inspector				
Appropriation	500			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			500	0
001.294.5400 - Tree Account				
Appropriation	6,000			
Howes Tree and Landscaping		6,000		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	0
001.300.5320 - Vocational Tuition				
Appropriation	140,448			
City of Northampton		35,156		
Smith Vocational & Agricultural High School		67,016		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			38,277	0
001.300.5330 - CBRSD Transportation				
Appropriation	17,524			
Interfund Transfers	-17,524			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	0
001.300.5400 - CBRSD Operating Exp				
Appropriation	0			
Central Berkshire Regional S.D.		773,948		
Interfund Transfers	17,524			
STM 06/28/18	756,424			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	0

001.300.5800 - CBRSD Capital Exp	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Carried Forward
Appropriation	4,937			
Central Berkshire Regional S.D.	4,937	0		
Operating Budget	0	0		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			9,874	0
001.301.5330 - Vocational Transportation				
Appropriation	42,345			
Stevensville Corp.		42,345		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	0
001.302.5400 - Berkshire Trail School Building				
Appropriation	47,000			
Absolute Fire Protection, Inc.		319		
Alternative Recycling Systems		273		
BTES		-1,550		
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		100		
Cummington Supply Inc.		108		
D.J. Clary Plumbing & Heating		3,120		
Eversource		20,036		
George Propane, Inc.		2,292		
Interfund Transfers	9,810			
Jordan Jacob R.		885		
Lee Audio 'N Security, Inc.		1,586		
Pittsfield Fire & Safety Co., Inc.		388		
SNE Building Systems		6,154		
Town of Cummington		1,246		
USA Waste and Recycling Inc.		573		
W.B. Mason		34		
Whiting Energy Fuels		21,246		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	0
001.422.5110 - Highway Salaries				
Appropriation	169,890			
Allard Christopher		4,640		
Crane James R.		13,317		
Dextraze Jr. Robert		38,261		
Interfund Transfers	-3,096			
Kaleta James W.		31,430		
Split Payroll		-1,142		
STM 6/27/19	-7,000			
Taylor Alan L.		56,110		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			17,178	0

001.422.5130 - Highway Overtime	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Carried Forward
Appropriation	18,526			
Allard Christopher G.		60		
Crane James R.		43		
Dextraze Jr. Robert		3,285		
Kaleta James W.		2,670		
STM 6/27/19	-10,000			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			2,468	0

001.422.5150 - Highway Vac, Hol, Sick & Pers

Appropriation	29,484			
Allard Christopher		160		
Crane James R.		3,959		
Dextraze Jr. Robert		8,501		
Kaleta James W.		3,580		
Split Payroll		492		
Taylor Alan L.		3,898		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			8,895	0

001.422.5400 - Highway Admin

Appropriation	12,500			
Advanced Tank Testing Services, Inc.		600		
Airgas USA, LLC		155		
Cummington Supply Inc.		29		
Dave's Oil Burner Service		130		
Donbeck Sales		80		
Eversource		1,573		
Frank Labelle's Sales & Services, Inc.		471		
Ivey Industries Inc.		541		
Kimball Midwest		407		
L.F. Powers Co., Inc.		1,263		
Lawson Products		118		
Pittsfield Fire & Safety Co., Inc.		215		
Town of Cummington		630		
Turley Publications, Inc.		139		
W.B. Mason		56		
Whiting Energy Fuels		3,682		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			2,412	0

001.422.5415 - Highway Tool & Machinery

Appropriation	70,000			
Advanced Tank Testing Services, Inc.		1,755		
Bacon's Equipment		168		
Certified Laboratories		903		
City Tire Co., Inc.		3,191		
Cummington Supply Inc.		29		
Dennis K. Burke, Inc.		31,209		
Dufour Inc.		80		

001.422.5415 - Highway Tool & Machinery (contd.)	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Carried Forward
Ed's Auto Repair		35		
Fleetpride		220		
Genden Auto Parts		2		
GRS Equipment Services		8,028		
Interfund Transfers	-10,000			
L.F. Powers Co., Inc.		939		
Mister Tire		920		
New Hampshire Hydraulics, Inc.		3,188		
Robert C. and Ilse D. Godfrey		900		
Robert Dextraze		50		
Sirum Equipment Company, Inc.		112		
STM 6/27/19	-7,000			
West County Equipment Rentals		5		
Wholesale Distributors		894		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			374	0

001.422.5420 - Highway General

Appropriation	100,000			
Alan Taylor		210		
All States Asphalt, Inc.		73,986		
Bacon's Equipment		428		
Carquest of Shelburne Falls		159		
City Tire Co., Inc.		197		
Commonwealth Guardrail Inc.		2,786		
Cummington Supply Inc.		237		
Custom Drug Testing		200		
Donbeck Sales		157		
Electralarm		5,475		
Genden Auto Parts		1,538		
George D. Judd & Sons LLC		1,653		
GRS Equipment Services		4,853		
Hathaway Construction Corporation		1,188		
John J Davis Jr.		954		
Kimball Midwest		949		
Lawson Products		360		
Maintenance Man Inc.		18,713		
Meehan Construction Co., Inc.		2,293		
Mister Tire		1,025		
New Hampshire Hydraulics, Inc.		1,280		
Palmer Paving Corporation		6,294		
Peter J. Marcoux		1,360		
R.I. Baker Co. Inc.		126		
S & S Machine & Welding, Inc.		60		
Sessions Repair		116		
Sirum Equipment Company, Inc.		341		
STM 6/27/19	31,420			
Sugarledge Stone Quarry, Inc.		269		
Superior Industrial Products		139		
Unifirst Corporation		3,206		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			870	0

001.422.5430 - Highway Misc.	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Carried Forward
Appropriation	1,000			
Berkshire County Hwy. Supt. Assn.		40		
Massachusetts Highway Association		80		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			880	0
001.422.5800 - Highway Capital				
Appropriation	23,515			
Carry Forward Capital	23,331			
Zwack, Inc.		23,331		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	23,515
001.422.5820 - Highway Building Repair				
Appropriation	6,122			
Electralarm		6,122		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	0
001.422.5835 - Lease of Brush Mower				
Appropriation	3,747			
Carry Forward Capital	3,673			
STM 6/27/19	-7,420			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	0
001.423.5400 - Winter Roads				
Appropriation	80,000			
Champion Salt LLC		24,797		
George D. Judd & Sons LLC		64,538		
Interfund Transfers	13,096			
Wholesale Distributors		3,600		
Zwack, Inc.		161		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	0
001.450.5100 - Water Wages				
Appropriation	11,000			
Calvert Grace A.		128		
Forgea Dennis		10,400		
Interfund Transfers	228			
Jordan Jacob R.		600		
Warriner Susan L.		100		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	0

001.450.5400 - Water Expenses	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Carried Forward
Appropriation	54,000			
Astro Chemicals, Inc.		4,598		
Cummington Supply Inc.		40		
Dept. of Environmental Protection		83		
E.J. Prescott, Inc.		60		
Everett J. Prescott, Inc.		42		
Eversource		4,747		
George Propane, Inc.		1,304		
Housatonic Basin Sampling & Testing		6,540		
Imperial Pools & Spas by Lafrance Inc.		104		
Interfund Transfers	-228			
Mass Rural Water Association		260		
Massachusetts Water Works Assoc.		75		
Operating Budget		0		
R.E. Erickson Co., Inc.		455		
Split Payroll		250		
Susan Warriner		81		
USAblookbook		83		
USDA		21,844		
Verizon		884		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			12,322	0

001.455.5400 - Water Hydrant Assessments

Appropriation	9,500			
Town of Cummington		2,808		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			6,692	0

001.510.5400 - Board of Health

Appropriation	63,500			
Amherst Welding		1,469		
Barbara Curran		425		
Corinne Sharkey		12		
Cummington Supply		98		
Cummington Supply Inc.		42		
Dave Wickles Trucking		20,786		
Ely Jr. Robert J.		5,122		
Eversource		1,911		
Foster Farrar		41		
Hatfield Printing & Publishing		873		
Highland Ambulance EMS, Inc.		155		
Hilltown Resource Mangement CoOp.		28		
HRMC		4,244		
Interfund Transfers	332			
James Wettereau		341		
Jordan Donna C.		104		
Keith Manley		50		
Keogh-Walker Shevaun		106		
Marney Electrical Services, Inc.		2,038		
Matthews Brian V.		275		
Murray Solomon		615		

001.510.5400 - Board of Health <i>(continued)</i>	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Carried Forward
Paradise Copies		492		
Pittsfield Fire & Safety Co., Inc.		59		
Robbins Robin A.		2,139		
Robert C. and Ilse D. Godfrey		40		
Sawyer Wendy		163		
Shane Wolf		2,250		
Sharkey Corinne		9,818		
Solomon Murray		2,223		
Split Payroll		-632		
Tighe & Bond		8,282		
U. S. Postal Service		296		
W.B. Mason		118		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			-150	0
001.510.5850 - Purchase New Compactor				
Appropriation	0			
Carry Forward Capital	26,000			
Maguire Equipment Inc.		23,297		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	2,703
001.541.5400 - Council on Aging				
Appropriation	4,400			
Anne Parsons		577		
Berkshire Eagle		150		
Cimpress USA Incorporated		0		
Country Journal		60		
Daily Hampshire Gazette		319		
Hilltown CDC		60		
Jodee Simard		216		
John Burns		100		
Kathy Knox		75		
MCOA		190		
Northern Hilltown Consortium of COA's		152		
Operating Budget		0		
Parsons Anne M.		1,635		
Roger Tinknell		100		
Split Payroll		-22		
U. S. Postal Service		54		
W.B. Mason		557		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			177	0
001.543.5400 - Veterans				
Appropriation	29,952			
Ahearn Funeral Home		3,992		
Eva Howes		2,362		
Interfund Transfers	-9,810			
Northampton Veterans' Service		3,796		
Tufts Health Plan		2,112		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			5,039	0

001.610.5400 - Library	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Carried Forward
Appropriation	7,660			
Barnes & Noble, Inc.		1,070		
CW Mars		249		
Demaranville Maureen		212		
Electralarm		250		
Eliza J. Dragon		45		
Eversource		896		
Mark Demaranville		281		
Mass MoCA Foundation, Inc.		250		
Molly Smith		125		
National Geographic Society		97		
Operating Budget		0		
Paradise Copies		241		
Smith College Museum of Art		100		
Smithsonian Magazine		22		
Stoddard Carol W.		96		
Tessier Gregory		213		
The New Yorker		220		
Time		60		
Turn It Up!		295		
W.B. Mason		312		
Whiting Energy Fuels		2,276		
William A. Dynok		210		
Wolf Marie J.		140		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	0
001.630.5400 - Recreation				
Appropriation	3,500			
Adam Dragon		40		
Alternative Recycling Systems		111		
Amy Grallert		24		
Cummington Supply Inc.		288		
Dennis Forgea		400		
Donna L. Forgea		152		
Eliza J. Dragon		137		
Eversource		657		
George Propane, Inc.		148		
Hilltown Junior Olympics		224		
Nicole Wortis		40		
Split Payroll		128		
Town of Cummington		520		
USA Waste and Recycling Inc.		111		
W.B. Mason		123		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			397	0
001.710.5915 - Safety Complex Loan				
Appropriation	32,094			
Interfund Transfers	-10,436			
USDA		21,658		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	0

001.710.5916 - Highway Truck Loan	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Carried Forward
Appropriation	24,000			
ATM May 3, 2019	24,000			
Easthampton Savings Bank		24,000		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	24,000
001.751.5915 - Safety Complex Loan				
Appropriation	45,481			
Interfund Transfers	10,435			
USDA		55,916		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	0
001.751.5916 - Highway Truck Loan				
Appropriation	3,840			
ATM May 3, 2019	3,072			
Easthampton Savings Bank		3,840		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	3,072
001.751.5920 - Interest on Loans				
Appropriation	9,600			
Easthampton Savings Bank		4,513		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			5,087	0
001.830.5400 - Council of Governments				
Appropriation	496			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			496	0
001.830.5401 - Lpvp Commission				
Appropriation	141			
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission		141		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			-141	0
001.911.5400 - Contributory Retirement				
Appropriation	57,291			
Hampshire County Retirement System		57,291		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	0

001.913.5400 - Unemployment	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Carried Forward
	1,800			
Division of Unemployment Asst.		1,269		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			531	0
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001.914.5400 - Medical Insurance				
	42,372			
Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust		27,674		
Medicare		43		
Reclass Health Insurance		2,633		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			12,022	0
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001.916.5400 - Medicare/Social Security				
	15,000			
Medicare		14,468		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			532	0
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001.945.5740 - Insurance and Bonds				
	46,000			
Transfer from Reserve Fund	1,750			
Deep Associates		10,029		
MIIA Property & Casualty Group		33,428		
Renaissance Alliance Ins. Services LLC		3,538		
Travelers CL Remittance Center		254		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			501	0
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GRAND TOTAL	2,467,222	2,219,155		

Other Expenditures 2019

183402.00	Community House Expenses	
	Eversource	1,481.23
	George Propane, Inc.	1,281.00
	Horton Jeannette A.	960.00
	Jordan Donna	598.00
	Jordan Jacob R.	105.00
	Pittsfield Fire & Safety Co., Inc.	216.95
	Split Payroll Corrections	120.00
	Town of Cummington	337.03
	USA Waste and Recycling Inc.	243.08
	Vacuum Peddler	52.50
	Total Community House	5,394.79
183404.00	Library Special	
	George Propane	1,290.00
	Total Library Special	1,290.00
183405.00	Cemetery Expenses	
	Jordan Jacob R.	8,407.50
	Total Cemetery	8,407.50
1834054.00	Historical Commission	
	Barker Karen L.	45.00
	Carla Ness	365.05
	Charles W. Greenia	300.00
	Collective Copies Inc.	60.74
	Cummington Supply Inc.	587.00
	Electralarm	610.00
	Eversource	2,639.69
	Fish Jessica H.	255.00
	Foster Farrar	16.38
	Hilltown Tents	725.00
	Karen J. Westergaard	95.18
	LPL Financial	830.00
	Patricia Keith	375.00
	Pittsfield Fire & Safety Co., Inc.	420.00
	Shane Wolf	2,075.00
	Sonja Eiseman	2,000.00
	Streeter Hannah L.	285.00
	The Creamery	440.99

1834054.00	Historical Commission <i>(continued)</i>	
	Tim Ericksen	100.00
	Town of Cummington	1,020.00
	Turley Publications, Inc.	52.00
	U. S. Postal Service	120.00
	Total Historic Commission	13,417.03
183409.00	Police Gifts	
	Michael Perkins	257.96
	Telrepco	1,099.00
	Total Police Gifts	1,356.96
183410.00	Fire Department Special	
	Metro Fuel Injection Service	1,472.25
	Bernard Forgea	999.78
	Diamond RV Centre, Inc.	578.09
	Robert C. and Ilse D. Godfrey	324.09
	Total Fire Department Special	3,374.21
183472.00	COA Memorial Gifts	
	Carol R Stevenson	20.00
	Dorset Anderson	40.00
	Karen Barker	440.00
	Kathy Knox	210.00
	Williamsburg Market	120.11
	Total COA Memorial Gifts	830.11
230.499.5860.0000	Chapter 90	
	All States Asphalt, Inc.	223,519.86
	Total Chapter 90	223,519.86
243012.01	Emergency Management Grant	
	Highland Ambulance EMS, Inc.	507.52
	Total Emergency Management Grant	507.52
2435511.00	State Emergency Management Grant	
	Austin Savoie	50.00
	Coureton Dalton	50.00
	Highland Ambulance EMS, Inc.	1,501.79

2435511.00	State Emergency Management Grant <i>(continued)</i>	
	Kailey Bak	300.00
	Martha Emerson	300.00
	Matthew Grallert	50.00
	Maya Parker	150.00
	Propac	1,387.76
	Total State Emergency Management	3,789.55
2435517.00	Community Policing Grant	
	Hillside Agricultural Society	120.00
	Total Community Policing Grant	120.00
2435518.00	Police Opiod Task Grant	
	Bound Tree Medical LLC	620.93
	Highland Ambulance EMS, Inc.	1,419.00
	Total Police Opiod Task Grant	2,039.93
2534008.00	Elections and Registration	
	Donna Jordan	400.00
	Total Elections and Registration	400.00
2534302.01	Board of Health Grant	
	Cummington Supply Inc.	171.94
	HRMC	971.31
	Marney Electrical Services, Inc.	768.00
	MRF Advisory Board	43.60
	Murray Solomon	85.00
	Stericycle, Inc.	425.94
	Town of Huntington	147.00
	Total Board of Health Grant	2,612.79
2535514.00	Council on Aging - State	
	Anne Parsons	5,651.41
	Cummington Supply Inc.	35.60
	Jodee Simard	58.97
	McGovern Kathleen	150.00
	W.B. Mason	179.93
	Total Council on Aging - State	6,075.91
2535522.00	State Aid to Libraries	
	Mark Demaranville	354.28
	Total State Aid to Libraries	354.28

2535524.00	Arts Council	
	Ashfield Community Preschool, Inc.	75.00
	Ashfield Community Theater	100.00
	Carly Leusener	400.00
	Erica Terpening-Romeo	450.00
	Franklin Land Trust	100.00
	Hilltown Choral Society	200.00
	Jeanne Johns	400.00
	Kate Albrecht	600.00
	Kathryn Jensen	100.00
	Kimberely Wachtel	464.00
	Lysander Jaffe	200.00
	New Hingham PTO	50.00
	Plainfield Congregational Church	300.00
	Village Church	500.00
	Walter Wright	150.00
	Total Arts Council	4,089.00
256500.00	Municipal Light Grant	
	Allan Douglas	79.28
	Brenda Arbib	66.00
	Eversource-Poles	199,162.00
	Graham Electric	1,500.00
	Jeffrey Scott Penn	2,450.00
	Maureen Tumenas	21.90
	The Hanover Insurance Company	6,000.00
	Verizon	25,494.73
	Verizon New England Inc.	255,409.05
	W.B. Mason	23.96
	Westfield Gas & Electric Light Dept.	35,014.15
	Total Municipal Light Grant	525,221.07
2537017.00	Technology Grant	
	Pioneer Valley Planning Commission	3,500.00
	Total Technology Grant	3,500.00
2635540.00	Recreation Revolving	
	Dennis Forgea	200.00
	Peter J. Marcoux	737.50
	Total Recreation Revolving	937.50
2635546.00	Conservation Commission Revolving	
	Daily Hampshire Gazette	87.71
	Total Conservation Commission	87.71

2635562.00	53E 1/2 Inspec Rev 6000	
	Adam Dragon	150.00
	Bernard Forgea	375.00
	Don Lawton	848.00
	Donald Lawton	208.00
	William Graham	3,005.00
	Total Inspectors	4,586.00
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300.422.5840.0000	Highway Capital Project	
	Zwack, Inc.	8,364.11
	Total Highway Capital Project	8,364.11
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893.210.5130.0000	Police Outside Detail	
	Cunningham Sharon	12,396.00
	Fish Jeffrey R.	1,755.00
	Forgea Dennis	55,684.50
	Perkins Michael A.	28,429.50
	Town of Ashfield	1,755.00
	Town of Hinsdale	855.00
	Town of Huntington	720.00
	Town of Middlefield	945.00
	Town of Peru	1,170.00
	Town of Windsor	720.00
	Total Police Outside Detail	104,430.00
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893062.00	FID State Portion	
	Commonwealth of Mass	2,175.00
	Total FID State	2,175.00
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893601.00	Fire Outside Detail	
	Baroli Troy A.	381.25
	Cahalan Gerry J.	175.00
	Dragon Adam E.	525.00
	Dragon Michal A.	325.00
	Emerson Steven E.	406.25
	Fournier-Scanlon Sarah M.	162.50
	Grallert Matthew	731.25
	Hope Shane R.	556.25
	Savoie Austin T.	162.50
	Woodard Nicole L.	175.00
	Total Fire Outside Detail	3,600.00

Town of Cummington - Combined Balance Sheet - July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Assets	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Govern Grant Funds	Capital Projects	Revolving	Water	Septic	Trusts	Agency	Long Term Debt	Totals
Cash	\$ 420,445.41	\$ 229,196.09	\$ 364,662.00	\$ 81,282.08	\$ 18,995.78	\$ 109,964.42	\$ 105,589.81	\$ 1,877,924.92	\$ 9,415.63	\$ -	\$ 3,217,476.14
Other Receivables	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,758.05	-	-	-	11,758.05
Property Taxes	67,891.10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	67,891.10
Overlay	(59,936.00)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(59,936.00)
Tax Liens	37,492.84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37,492.84
MVE	16,879.81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,879.81
User charges	-	-	-	-	-	20,065.81	-	-	-	-	20,065.81
Bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,059,721.49	1,059,721.49
Total Assets	482,773.16	229,196.09	364,662.00	81,282.08	18,995.78	130,030.23	117,347.86	1,877,924.92	9,415.63	1,059,721.49	4,371,349.24
Liabilities											
Other Liabilities	4,401.49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,701.35	-	8,102.84
Warrants Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Def Rev Prop Tax	7,955.10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,955.10
Def Rev Tax Liens	37,492.84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37,492.84
Def Rev MVE	16,879.81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,879.81
Def Rev Other	-	-	-	-	-	20,065.81	11,758.05	-	-	-	31,823.86
Bans Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,059,721.49	1,059,721.49
Total Liabilities	66,729.24	-	-	-	-	20,065.81	11,758.05	-	3,701.35	1,059,721.49	1,161,975.94
Fund Balances											
Reserved for Encumbrances	20,033.26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,033.26
Reserved for Expenditures	84,384.74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	84,384.74
Reserved for Deficits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Financing Sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Designated	100.00	229,196.09	364,662.00	2,437.55	18,995.78	109,679.30	99,871.17	1,877,924.92	5,061.28	-	2,707,928.09
Undesignated	311,525.92	-	-	78,844.53	-	285.12	5,718.64	-	653.00	-	397,027.21
Total Fund Balances	416,043.92	229,196.09	364,662.00	81,282.08	18,995.78	109,964.42	105,589.81	1,877,924.92	5,714.28	-	3,209,373.30
Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	\$ 482,773.16	\$ 229,196.09	\$ 364,662.00	\$ 81,282.08	\$ 18,995.78	\$ 130,030.23	\$ 117,347.86	\$ 1,877,924.92	\$ 9,415.63	\$ 1,059,721.49	\$ 4,371,349.24

Balance Sheet Assets

TOWN OF CUMMINGTON

Balance Sheet General Fund Assets as of June 30, 2019

ASSETS	
CASH	
General Fund Cash	\$ 420,445
Petty Cash	<u>100</u>
TOTAL FOR CASH	<u>\$ 420,545</u>
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES	
Levy of 2019	1,342
Levy of 2018	360
Levy of 2017	401
Levy of 2016	525
Levy of 2015	503
Levy of 2014	508
Prior Years	<u>686</u>
TOTAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES	<u>4,325</u>
REAL ESTATE TAXES	
Levy of 2019	56,132
Levy of 2018	7,434
Prior Years	<u>0</u>
TOTAL OF REAL ESTATE TAXES	<u>63,566</u>
MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES	
Levy of 2019	11,678
Levy of 2018	2,325
Levy of 2017	1,003
Levy of 2016	329
Levy of 2015	63
Levy of 2014	461
Prior Years	<u>1,019</u>
TOTAL OF MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES	<u>16,879</u>
TAX TITLES & POSSESSIONS	
Tax Title	33,216
Tax Possessions	<u>4,277</u>
TOTAL TAX TITLE & POSSESSIONS	<u>37,493</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 542,808.46</u></u>

Town of Cummington Trust Funds Accounts

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expend- iture	Ending Balance
Trust Funds:				
Stabilization Fund	795,756	104,124	0	899,881
Compensated Absences	6,000	0	0	6,000
Cemetery Fund	34,165	4,321	-4,713	33,772
Community House Fund	2,568	20	0	2,588
Community House Stock Fund	92,000	80,343	0	172,343
Historical Trust Fund	611,819	57,309	-35,882	633,246
Library Trust Fund	3,585	29	0	3,614
Library Building Fund	4,434	33	0	4,466
Whiting Street Trust Fund	19,609	292	0	19,901
N.F. Orcutt Charity Fund	20,053	298	0	20,352
School Trust Fund	24,318	362	0	24,680
Town Clock Trust Fund	376	6	0	381
Madelyn Orcutt Fund	53,827	2,874	0	56,702
Total Trust Funds Balance	1,668,510	250,010	-40,595	1,877,925

Reserve Fund

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Appropriation		6,000.00
Transfer to Public Safety	3,400.00	
Transfer to Insurance and Bonds	1,750.00	
	5,150.00	850.00

Statement of Revenues

Estimated to Actual
July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

	Estimated	Actual	Over/Under
TAXES:			
Personal Property	\$ 59,653	\$ 58,310	\$ -1,342
Real Estate	1,797,976	1,732,394	-65,582
Motor Vehicle	97,000	127,434	30,434
In Lieu of Taxes	1,000	14,648	13,648
Solid Waste Disposal	23,000	29,658	6,658
STATE AID:			
Chapter 70 School Aid	73,684	73,684	0
Unrestricted Govt Aid	86,255	91,580	5,325
Abatement Reimbursements	6,279	5,164	-1,115
State Owned Land	50,919	46,759	-4,160
Veteran's Benefits	8,284	12,408	4,124
Library	2,065	2,065	0
OTHER:			
Interest of Taxes	10,000	10,302	302
Licenses and Permits	10,000	16,589	6,589
Fines	1,000	760	-240
Interest on Savings	500	2,184	1,684
Fees	8,000	40,102	32,102
Misc Non-Recurring	0	2,266	2,266
Rentals	8,000	10,465	2,465
TOTALS	\$ 2,243,615	\$ 2,276,772	\$ 33,157

Town Treasurer's Report Bank Accounts - FY 2019

Bank	Balance 7/1/18	Balance 6/30/19
ADAMS COMMUNITY BANK (FYE 2019) *		
Cemetery Trust Funds	\$ 36,453.23	\$ 35,943.73
Charitable Trust Funds	63,980.52	64,932.64
Town Clock Fund	375.85	381.41
UNIBANK		
Stabilization	197,855.39	199,376.34
Community House Trust	2,567.88	2,587.62
Library Trust	3,585.03	3,612.58
Library Building Fund	4,433.52	4,467.60
Madelyn Orcutt Fund	4,310.20	4,343.33
Arts Council Grant	4,641.37	6,732.06
Rehab Program Income Acct.	0.00	0.00
Rehab Town Program Income Acct.	85,126.93	85,781.32
Helen Muchnic Trust	122,505.50	123,447.25
Online Collections - General Fund	68,499.15	123,186.28
EASTHAMPTON SAVINGS BANK		
Stabilization	597,901.04	600,504.39
General Fund - Vendor Checking	930,905.51	885,285.69
Municipal Light Plant	290,143.64	188,461.58
PEOPLE'S UNITED BANK		
Septic System Repair Program	103,437.97	104,565.71
General Fund	35,335.58	37,844.81
BERKSHIRE BANK		
Money Mkt/Pub Safety Complex	100.65	100.65
BARTHOLOMEW & COMPANY (FYE 2019) **		
Community House Trust	92,000.00	92,000.00
M. Orcutt Fund	49,517.07	50,183.45
HISTORICAL COMMISSION FUNDS		
Investors Capital	611,818.75	584,116.02
DEPOSITS IN TRANSIT	0.00	0.00
CHECKS OUTSTANDING	(154,190.54)	(111,651.95)
PETTY CASH	100.00	100.00
TOTAL FUNDS	\$ 3,151,404.24	\$ 3,086,302.51

* Formerly Titled Century Bank in FYE 2018 report

** Formerly Titled Fidelity Investment Funds in FYE 2018 report

Commissioners of Trust Funds

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

	Principal	Balance 7/1/18	Interest	Add (With- drawal)	Balance 6/30/19	Available
BRYANT CEMETERY						
Mary Tower	297.00	1,169.09	17.40		1,186.49	889.49
Bartlett	107.50	414.40	6.16		420.56	313.06
Brewster	100.00	360.01	5.35		365.36	265.36
Donated	775.00	1,791.51	26.66		1,818.17	1,043.17
Total	1,279.50	3,735.01	55.57	0.00	3,790.58	2,511.08
DAWES CEMETERY						
Whitmarsh	100.00	463.99	6.91		470.90	370.90
Pratt	50.00	299.23	4.48		303.71	253.71
Thayer-Gurney	200.00	1,058.26	15.77		1,074.03	874.03
C.J. Thayer	1,000.00	2,493.29	37.11		2,530.40	1,530.40
Donated	5,650.00	16,292.43	195.95	-4,513.48	11,974.90	6,324.90
Total	7,000.00	20,607.20	260.22	-4,513.48	16,353.94	9,353.94
GURNEY CEMETERY						
Donated	400.00	2,055.42	30.61	0.00	2,086.03	1,686.03
HARLOW CEMETERY						
Packard	107.50	368.00	5.47	0.00	373.47	265.97
Donated	750.00	1,348.71	20.08	0.00	1,368.79	618.79
Total	857.50	1,716.71	25.55	0.00	1,742.26	884.76
STREETER CEMETERY						
Donated	244.20	507.72	7.56	0.00	515.28	271.08
VILLAGE CEMETERY						
Adams	100.00	342.47	5.09	0.00	347.56	247.56
Bates	100.00	341.89	5.08	0.00	346.97	246.97
Donated	674.39	1,971.13	29.32	0.00	2,000.45	1,326.06
Total	874.39	2,655.49	39.49	0.00	2,694.98	1,820.59
GENERAL CEMETERY						
Donated	5,680.00	5,175.68	101.50	3,483.48	8,760.66	3,080.66
TOTAL						
CEMETERY	\$16,335.59	\$36,453.23	\$520.50	(\$1,030.00)	\$35,943.73	\$19,608.14

General Donated - Deposits \$3,700.00

General Donated - Withdrawals \$4,730

Withdrawals are for care of cemeteries offset by donations

Commissioners of Trust Funds

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

	Principal	Balance 7/1/18	Interest	Add (With- drawal)	Balance 6/30/19	Available
CHARITABLE FUNDS						
N.F. Orcutt	2,254.63	20,053.43	298.44		20,351.87	18,097.24
Whiting Street	2,071.27	19,609.32	291.80		19,901.12	17,829.85
TOTAL	4,325.90	39,662.75	590.24		40,252.99	35,927.09
EDUCATION FUND						
O.H. Warner	1,221.89	24,317.77	361.88		24,679.65	23,457.76
TOWN CLOCK FUND						
E.S. Pettingill	200.00	375.85	5.56		381.41	181.41
TOTAL						
TRUST FUNDS	\$22,083.38	\$100,809.60	\$1,478.18	(\$1,030.00)	\$101,257.78	\$79,174.40

Maturing Debt & Interest - FY 2019

Type Of Bank Note	Date and Issue	Beginning Bal. 07/01/18	Principal Paid	Interest Paid	Principal Remaining
VILLAGE WATER					
FmHA@ 6.50% 38yr debt final payment 11-2023	11/23/87	\$103,086.71	\$7,856.15	\$6,425.27	\$95,230.56
VILLAGE WATER					
FmHA @ 6.125% 40yr debt final paym't 6-2028	6/28/85	59,184.39	3,937.96	3,625.04	55,246.43
USDA PUBLIC					
SAFETY COMPLEX	7/15/09	945,045.27	35,046.97	42,527.03	909,998.30
SCHOOL ROOF ESB @ 2.19%	7/16/18	300,000.00	50,000.00	6,570.00	250,000.00
HIGHWAY					
TRUCK LOAN ESB @ 3.2% 5 YEAR SERIAL	3/9/18	120,000.00	24,000.00	3,840.00	96,000.00
TOTALS		\$1,527,316.37	\$120,841.08	\$62,987.34	\$1,406,475.29

Report of Vital Statistics For the Town of Cummington

July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

BIRTHS

August 17, 2018	Dakota Lisa Dibrindisi, daughter of Elizabeth Christina Lashway, at Greenfield, MA
October 1, 2018	Emma Marie Facto, daughter of Kyle Stephen Facto and Cheyenne Snow Wells, at Springfield, MA
December 9, 2018	Ruth Rye Metcalf Costa, daughter of Lincoln Schnur Fishman and Hilary Metcalf Costa, at Cummington, MA
December 21, 2018	Vincent Henry Marciano, son of Andrew Douglas Marciano and Kelsey Anne Bourdon, at Northampton, MA
December 22, 2018	Naomi Mae Loux, daughter of Nathan Paul Loux and Emily Lynn (Diekelmann) Loux, at Northampton, MA
February 2, 2019	Quinn Louise Fournier, daughter of Sarah Margaret Fournier-Scanlon and Lee Alysiann (Lewis) Fournier-Lewis, at Greenfield, MA
March 28, 2019	Ignacy Szczepan Jaracz, son of Tomacz Jaracz and Heather Joanne (Thompson) Jaracz, at Northampton, MA
May 2, 2019	Julian George Augustin Litchfield, son of William George Litchfield and Nicole Rae (Mougin) Litchfield, at Springfield, MA

MARRIAGES

- August 11, 2018 Joseph Ely Jennings and Caitlin Elizabeth Foley,
both of Cummington, MA,
at 24 West Main St,
Cummington, MA,
by Solemnizer Matthew B. Foley
- January 11, 2019 John David Eisenhour and Ann Louise Lambert,
both of Cummington, MA,
at West Cummington Congregational Church,
Cummington, MA,
by Minister Stephen Philbrick

DEATHS

- September 26, 2018 Dorothy Frances Grimes, age 82,
of 94 Berkshire Trail, at Northampton, MA
- October 5, 2018 Philip Edward Perrault, age 89,
of 17 West Main Street, at Pittsfield, MA
- October 26, 2018 Richard R. Cote, age 60,
of 162 Nash Road, at Pittsfield, MA
- January 1, 2019 Levi A. Robbins Sr., age 85,
of 1 Howes Road, at Northampton, MA
- February 24, 2019 Kathleen Chivas Moylan, age 65,
of 312 Stage Road, at Northampton, MA
- April 28, 2019 Joseph E. Urbanowski, age 79,
of 42 Powell Road, at Cummington, MA
- May 3, 2019 Kyle Joseph Ducharme, age 29,
of 10 Snow Road, at Northampton, MA
- May 28, 2019 Gayle Marion Fitzgerald, age 68,
of 36 West Main Street, at Cummington, MA

Results of State Primary Election

September 4, 2018

Out of 647 registered voters, 316 voted in the September 4, 2018 State Primary. 265 Democrats, 2 Libertarians, and 49 Republicans voted.

RESULTS:

Senator in Congress

Democrat	Elizabeth A. Warren	236
Republican	Geoff Diehl	20
	John Kingston	23
	Beth Joyce Lindstrom	4

Governor

Democrat	Jay M Gonzalez	100
	Bob Massie	101
Republican	Charles D. Baker	23
	Scott D. Lively	25

Lieutenant Governor

Democrat	Quentin Palfrey	118
	Jimmy Tingle	65
Republican	Karyne E. Polito	34

Attorney General

Democrat	Maura Healey	224
Republican	James R. McMahon III	27
	Daniel L. Shores	11

Secretary of State

Democrat	William Francis Galvin	147
	Josh Zakim	73
Republican	Anthony M. Amore	31

Treasurer

Democrat	Deborah B Goldberg	199
Republican	Keiko M Orrall	30

Auditor

Democrat	Suzanne M. Bump	202
Republican	Helen Brady	30
Libertarian	Daniel Fishman	2

Representative in Congress

Democrat	Richard E. Neal	116
	Tahinah Amatue-wadud	139
Republican	Blank	49

Councilor

Democrat	Mary E. Hurley	197
Republican	Blank	49

Senator in General Court

Democrat	Adam G. Hinds	192
	Thomas P. Wickham	22
Republican	Blanks	49

Representative in General Court

Democrat	Kate Welch Albright-Hanna	11
	Andrew N. Baker	2
	Natalie M. Blais	27
	Christine M. Doktor	159
	Jonathan S. Edwards	1
	Casey Thomas Pease	56
	Nathaniel G. Warin	0
	Francis E. Wisnewski	5
Republican	Blank	49

District Attorney

Democrat	David E. Sullivan	204
Republican	Blank	49

Clerk of Courts

Democrats	Harry J. Jekanowski	202
Republican	Blank	49

Register of Deeds

Democrat	May K. Olberding	204
Republican	Blank	49

This is a true record to the best of my knowledge.

Attest:

Donna C. Jordan

Donna C Jordan, Cummington Town Clerk, September 6, 2018

Results of State Election - November 6, 2018

Registered voters = 656 Total residents = 838 Total votes = 485 74%

Senator in Congress		District Attorney	
Elizabeth A. Warren	346	David E. Sullivan	403
Geoff Diehl	113	Clerk of Courts	
Shiva Ayyadurai	22	Harry J. Jekanowski, Jr.	396
Governor & Lieutenant Governor		Register of Deeds	
Baker and Polito	243	Mary K. Olberding	400
Gonzalez and Palfrey	236	Regional School Committee	
Attorney General		Becket	
Maura Healey	359	Barbara Craft-Reiss	333
James R. McMahon III	119	Cummington	
Secretary of State		Todd Emerson	12
William Francis Galvin	348	Brian Gilman	5
Anthony M. Amore	86	Dalton	
Juan G. Sanchez, Jr.	42	Michael Hagmaier	246
Treasurer		Ellen Lattizzori	248
Deborah B. Goldberg	344	Hinsdale	
Keiko M. Orrall	90	Shawn Armacost	283
Jamie M. Guerin	39		
Auditor		Question #1	
Suzanne M Bump	327	Yes	205
Helen Brady	92	No	275
Daniel Fishman	15	Question #2	
Edward J. Stamas	32	Yes	374
Representative in Congress		No	93
Richard E. Neal	388	Question #3	
Councillor		Yes	367
Mary E. Hurley	347	No	106
Mike Franco	92	Question #4	
Senator in General Court		Yes	349
Adam G. Hinds	399	No	100
Representative in General Court			
Natalie M. Blais	398		

This is a true record to the best of my knowledge.

Attest:

Donna C. Jordan

Donna C Jordan, Cummington Town Clerk

Minutes of Special Town Meeting - March 7, 2019

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Town Clerk Donna C. Jordan, at the Community House on Main St., with the town quorum of 15 registered town voters, and one non-registered person. Selectman Kip Sears was nominated as Moderator of the meeting. Such is the action taken under the Warrant.

Article 1: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer the sum of **\$1,000.00** from **Free Cash** to the **Treasurer's Administration Account**.

Article 2: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer the sum of **\$917.63** from **Free Cash** to the **Accountant's Salary Account**.

**Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously
to dissolve this meeting at 7:07 p.m.**

This is a true record to the best of my knowledge.

Attest:



Donna C. Jordan, Cummington Town Clerk, March 7, 2019

Wahconah School Building Vote

Unofficial Results - April 6, 2019

Election Results on April 6, 2019, for Wahconah Regional High School to be rebuilt, passed in the popular vote that was held in all seven district towns.

Central Berkshire Regional School District

Town	Yes	No	Blank	Total
Becket	176	77	0	253
Cummington	45	194	0	239
Dalton	1,011	737	0	1,748
Hinsdale	246	334	1	581
Peru	102	162	0	264
Washington	112	54	0	166
Windsor	93	139	0	232
Total	1,785	1,697	1	3,483

Minutes of Special Town Meeting - May 3, 2019

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Moderator Donna L. Forgea at the Community House on Main St. with 74 people in attendance, of which 4 were not registered voters.

Article 1: Planning Board member, Robert Taylor read a synopsis of the following changes to the Zoning By-Laws. Motion was made, and seconded and discussion began. Many questions were asked and answered. A second motion was made, seconded, and all voted YES but 1 to amend the Zoning By-Laws by adding the following.

CUMMINGTON MEDICAL MARIJUANA BYLAW (1-25-19)

(FINAL Revision 4/8/19)

Section 2. DEFINITIONS

Add the following definitions:

Registered Marijuana Dispensary (RMD): A use operated by a not-for-profit entity registered and approved by the MA Department of Public Health on accordance with 105 CMR 725.000, and pursuant to all other applicable state laws and regulations, also to be known as a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center, that acquires, cultivates, possesses, processes (including development of related products such as food, tinctures, aerosols, oils, or ointments), transfers, transports, sells, distributes, dispenses, or administers marijuana, products containing marijuana, related supplies, or educational materials to registered qualifying patients or their personal caregivers. A RMD shall explicitly include facilities which cultivate and process medical marijuana, and which may also dispense and deliver medical marijuana and related products.

The cultivation and processing of medical marijuana in accordance with these regulations is considered to be a manufacturing use and is not agriculturally exempt from zoning.

Off-Site Medical Marijuana Dispensary (OMMD) – A Registered Marijuana Dispensary that is located off-site from the cultivation/processing facility (and controlled and operated by the same registered and approved not-for-profit entity which operates an affiliated RMD) but which serves only to dispense the processed marijuana, related supplies and educational materials to registered Qualifying Patients or their personal caregivers in accordance with the provisions of 105CMR 725.00.

Section 5-20 TABLE OF USES

Add to your USE REGULATION SCHEDULE:

Symbols employed in the Use Regulation Schedule shall mean the following:

Y	A permitted use.
N	An excluded or prohibited use.
SPA	A use permitted by Special Permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals, when acting as the Special Permit granting authority.
SPS	A use permitted by Special Permit from the Board of Selectmen, when acting as the Special Permit granting authority.

USE REGULATION SCHEDULE			
Activity or Use (All activities and uses are also subject to the Solar Overlay District requirements of the Floodplain/ Westfield River and Water Supply Protection Districts in Section 4-30 where applicable)	District		
	RR	V	Solar Overlay
BUSINESS			
Medical Marijuana Treatment Center/ Registered Marijuana Dispensary	SPA	N	N
Offsite Medical Marijuana Dispensary	SPA	N	N

4-30 Purpose, Intent and Additional Use and Special Permit Conditions of Districts

Add

5. Marijuana District (MD)

a. Purpose

It is recognized that the nature of the substance cultivated, processed, and/or sold by medical marijuana treatment centers, off-site medical marijuana dispensaries and marijuana establishment may have objectionable operational characteristics and should be located in such a way as to ensure the health, safety, and general well-being of the public as well as patients seeking treatment. The specific and separate regulation of Registered Marijuana Dispensaries (hereafter referred to as a RMD) as Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers, Off-site Medical Marijuana Dispensary (hereafter referred to as an OMMD) facilities and Marijuana Establishments (hereafter referred to as ME) is necessary to advance these purposes and ensure that such facilities are not located within close proximity of minors.

- b. Uses Allowed by Special Permit Only
 - 1) The following uses are only allowed in the Rural Residential District and only by Special Permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals: Registered Marijuana Dispensaries (hereafter referred to as a RMD) as Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers, Off-site Medical Marijuana Dispensary (hereafter referred to as an OMMD) facilities and Marijuana Establishments (hereafter referred to as ME).
- c. Special Permit Requirements in the Rural Residential District
 - 1 Refer to Sections 10-40 & 10-50

Section 10. OTHER SPECIAL PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Create a new Section 10-40:

Section 10-40 Registered Marijuana Dispensary (RMD) and Off-Site Medical Marijuana Dispensary (OMMD)

1. Purposes

It is recognized that the nature of the substance cultivated, processed, and/or sold by medical marijuana treatment centers and off-site medical marijuana dispensaries may have objectionable operational characteristics and should be located in such a way as to ensure the health, safety, and general well-being of the public as well as patients seeking treatment. The specific and separate regulation of Registered Marijuana Dispensaries (hereafter referred to as a RMD) as Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers and Off-site Medical Marijuana Dispensary (hereafter referred to as an OMMD) facilities is necessary to advance these purposes and ensure that such facilities are not located within close proximity of minors within the Town of Cummington.

Subject to the provisions of this Zoning Bylaw, Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws, and 105 CMR 725.000, Registered Marijuana Dispensaries and Off-site Medical Marijuana Dispensaries will be permitted to provide medical support, security, and physician oversight that meet or exceed state regulations as established by the Massachusetts Department of Health (hereafter referred to as MDPH).

2. Additional Requirements/Conditions

In addition to the standard requirements for uses requiring a Special Permit, the following shall also apply to all Registered Marijuana Dispensaries and Off-Site Medical Marijuana Dispensaries:

- a. Use:
 - 1) RMD and OMMD facilities may only be involved in the uses permitted by its definition and may not include other businesses or services.

- 2) No marijuana shall be smoked, eaten or otherwise consumed or ingested within the premises.
 - 3) The hours of operation shall be set by the Special Permit Granting Authority, but in no event shall an RMD or OMMD facility be open to the public, and no sale or other distribution of marijuana shall occur upon the premises or via delivery from the premises, between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.
- b. Physical Requirements:
- 1) All aspects of the use/facility relative to the acquisition, cultivation, possession, processing, sales, distribution, dispensing, or administration of marijuana, products containing marijuana, related supplies, or educational materials must take place at a fixed location within a fully enclosed building and shall not be visible from the exterior of the business.
 - 2) No outside storage is permitted.
 - 3) No OMMD Facility shall have a gross floor area in excess of 2,500 square feet.
 - 4) Ventilation – all RMD and OMMD facilities shall be ventilated in such a manner that no:
 - a) Pesticides, insecticides or other chemicals or products used in the cultivation or processing are dispersed into the outside atmosphere, and
 - b) No odor from marijuana or its processing can be detected by a person with an unimpaired and otherwise normal sense of smell at the exterior of the medical marijuana business or at any adjoining use or property.
 - 5) Signage shall be displayed on the exterior of the RMD and OMMD facility's entrance in plain sight of clients stating that "Registration Card issued by the MA Department of Public Health required" in text two inches in height.
 - 6) All lighting shall be shielded and downward facing to minimize light pollution.
- c. Location:
- 1) RMD and OMMD shall only be located within the Rural Residential District in the Town of Cummington.
 - 2) No RMD and OMMD facility shall be located on a parcel which is within three hundred (300) feet (to be measured in a straight line from the nearest points of each property line) of parcel occupied by:

- a) a public or private elementary, junior high, middle, vocational or high school, college, junior college, university or child care facility or any other use in which children commonly congregate in an organized ongoing formal basis.
 - 3) No RMD or OMMD facility shall be located inside a building containing residential units, including transient housing such as motels and dormitories.
- d. Reporting Requirements
 - 1) All Special Permit and Site Plan Approval holders for an RMD or OMMD facility shall provide the Police Department, Fire Department, Building Commissioner/Inspector and the Special Permit Granting Authority with the names, phone numbers and email addresses of all management staff and key-holders, including a minimum of two (2) operators or managers of the facility identified as contact persons to whom one can provide notice if there are operating problems associated with the establishment. All such contact information shall be updated as needed to keep it current and accurate.
 - 2) The local Building Commissioner/Inspector, Board of Health, Police Department, Fire Department and Special Permit Granting Authority (in cases where a Special permit or Site Plan Approval was granted) shall be notified in writing by an RMD or OMMD facility owner/operator/ manager:
 - a) A minimum of 30 days prior to any change in ownership or management of that facility
 - b) A minimum of 12 hours following a violation or potential violation of any law or any criminal or potential criminal activities or attempts of violation of any law at the RMD or OMMD.
 - 3) Permitted RMD and OMMD facilities shall file an annual report to and appear before the Special Permit Granting Authority no later than January 31st, providing a copy of all current applicable state licenses for the facility and/or its owners and demonstrate continued compliance with the conditions of the Special Permit.
 - 4) The owner or manager is required to respond by phone or email within twenty-four hours of contact by a city official concerning their RMD or OMMD at the phone number or email address provided to the City as the contact for the business.
- e. Issuance/Transfer/Discontinuance of Use
 - 1) Special Permits/Site Plan Approvals shall be issued to the RMD Operator

- 2) Special Permits/Site Plan Approvals shall be issued for a specific site/parcel
- 3) Special Permits/Site Plan Approvals shall be non-transferable to either another RMD Operator or site/parcel
- 4) Special Permits/Site plan Approvals shall have a term limited to the duration of the applicant's ownership/control of the premises as a RMD or OMMD, and shall lapse:
 - a) If the permit holder ceases operation of the RMD, and/or
 - b) The permit holder's registration by MDPH expires or is terminated
- 5) The permit holder shall notify the Zoning Enforcement Officer and Special Permit Granting Authority in writing within 48 hours of such lapse, cessation, discontinuance or expiration.
- 6) An RMD or OMMD facility shall be required to remove all material, plants equipment and other paraphernalia prior to surrendering its state Registration or ceasing its operation.
- 7) Prior to the issuance of a Building Permit for a RMD or OMMD the applicant is required to post with the Town Treasurer a minimum bond of \$5,000 or other form of financial security acceptable to said Treasurer in an amount set by the Zoning Board of Appeals. The amount shall be sufficient to cover the costs of the town removing all materials, plants, equipment and other paraphernalia if the applicant fails to do so. The Building Inspector shall give the applicant 45 days' written notice in advance of taking such action. Should the applicant remove all materials, plants, equipment and other paraphernalia to the satisfaction of the Building Inspector prior to the expiration of the 45 days written notice, said bond shall be returned to the applicant.

3. Application Requirements

In addition to the standard application requirements for Special Permits, such applications for an RMD or OMMD facility shall include the following:

- a. The name and address of each owner of the RMD or OMMD facility/operation;
- b. A copy of its registration as an RMD from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health or documentation that demonstrates that said RMD or OMMD facility, and its owner/operators, qualify and are eligible to receive a Certificate of Registration and meet all of the requirements of a RMD in accordance with 105 CMR 725.000 of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

- c. Evidence that the Applicant has site control and right to use the site for a RMD or OMMD facility in the form of a deed or valid purchase and sales agreement or, in the case of a lease a notarized statement from the property owner and a copy of the lease agreement;
- d. A notarized statement signed by the RMD or OMMD organization's Chief Executive Officer and corporate attorney disclosing all of its designated representatives, including officers, directors, shareholders, partners, members, managers, or other similarly-situated individuals and entities and their addresses. If any of the above are entities rather than persons, the Applicant must disclose the identity of all such responsible individual persons;
- e. In addition to what is normally required in a Site Plan, details showing all exterior proposed security measures for the RMD or OMMD including lighting, fencing, gates and alarms, etc. ensuring the safety of employees and patrons and to protect the premises from theft or other criminal activity.
- f. A detailed floor plan identifying the areas available and functional uses (including square footage)
- g. All signage being proposed for the facility.
- h. A traffic study to establish the RMD or OMMD impacts at peak demand times.
- i. A Management Plan including a description of all activities to occur on site, including all provisions for the delivery of medical marijuana and related products to OMMDs or off-site direct delivery to patients.

4. Findings

In addition to the standard Findings for a Special Permit Approval the Special Permit Granting Authority must also find all the following:

- a. That the RMD or OMMD facility is designed to minimize any adverse visual or economic impacts on abutters and other parties in interest;
- b. That the RMD or OMMD facility demonstrates that it will meet all the permitting requirements of all applicable agencies within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and will be in compliance with all applicable state laws and regulations;
- c. That the applicant has satisfied all of the conditions and requirements of this Section and other applicable Sections of this Bylaw/Ordinance;
- d. That the RMD or OMMD project meets a demonstrated need;
- e. That the RMD or OMMD facility provides adequate security measures to ensure that no individual participant will pose a direct threat to

the health or safety of other individuals, and that the storage and/or location of cultivation is adequately secured;

- f. That the RMD or OMMD facility adequately addresses issues of traffic demand, circulation flow, parking and queuing, particularly at peak periods at the facility, and its impact on neighboring uses.

Article 2: Motion was made, seconded and discussion began.

Discussion happened around removing the second paragraph. A second motion was made, seconded, to vote to make an amendment to this article. Vote was YES=17, NO=40. At which time a third motion was made, seconded to vote to accept the following changes to the Zoning By-Laws, all voted YES but one NO, passing the article.

CUMMINGTON ADULT USE MARIJUANA BYLAW

(January, 25 2019) (FINAL Revision 4/8/19)

The following should be adopted as Zoning Bylaws:

Local Option Adult Use Marijuana Excise Tax

The Town of Cummington accepts M.G.L. c. 64N Section 3, and in accordance with such imposes a local sales tax upon the sale of adult use marijuana originating within the Town of Cummington by a vendor at a rate of 3% of the gross receipts of the vendor from the sale of adult use marijuana, marijuana products, and marijuana edibles. Such excise shall take effect on the first day of the calendar quarter commencing at least thirty days after such vote of Town Meeting.

Limitation on the Number of Adult Use Retail Establishments

The number of adult use marijuana retail establishments permitted to be located within the Town of Cummington shall not exceed 20% of the number of licenses issued within the town for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises where sold under chapter 138 of the General Laws. For the purposes of determining this number, any fraction shall be rounded up to the next highest whole number.

Prohibition on Public Consumption of Marijuana or Tetrahydrocannabinol

No person shall inhale, ingest, or otherwise use or consume marijuana or THC (as defined in G.L. c. 94C, § 1, as amended) while in or upon any street, sidewalk, public way, footway, passageway, stairs, bridge, park, playground, beach, recreation area, boat landing, public building, schoolhouse, school grounds, cemetery, parking lot, or any area owned by or under the control of the Town; or in or upon any bus or other passenger conveyance operated by a common carrier; or in any place accessible to the public. Whoever is found in violation of this bylaw/ordinance shall, when requested by an official authorized to enforce this bylaw, state their true name and address to such official.

This Bylaw may be enforced through any lawful means in law or in equity including, but not limited to, enforcement by criminal indictment or complaint pursuant to G.L. c.40, § 21, or by noncriminal disposition pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 21D, or any police officer. The fine for violation of this Bylaw shall be fifty dollars (\$50) for each offense. Any penalty imposed under this Bylaw shall be in addition to any civil penalty imposed under G.L. c. 94C, § 32L.

This Bylaw shall not alter or affect the jurisdiction of the Board of Health under the provisions of G.L. c.111, §31 or any other applicable law, including but not limited to the regulation of combustion and inhalation of tobacco and non-tobacco products in workplaces and public spaces in the Town.

Changes To Zoning Bylaws

The following should be added to the DEFINITIONS section:

2. DEFINITIONS

Cannabis Cultivation: The use of land and/or buildings for planting, tending, improving, harvesting, processing and packaging, the preparation and maintenance of soil and other media and promoting the growth of cannabis by a cannabis cultivator, micro-business, research facility, craft marijuana cultivator cooperative, registered marijuana dispensary or other entity licensed by the Commission for cannabis cultivation. Such use is not agriculturally exempt from zoning. The cultivation and processing of medical marijuana in accordance with these regulations is considered to be a manufacturing use and is not agriculturally exempt from zoning. Note this term is not defined in 935 CMR 500.

Cannabis or Marijuana or Marihuana: All parts of any plant of the genus Cannabis, not excepted in 935 CMR 500.002: Cannabis or Marijuana or Marihuana(a) through (c) and whether growing or not; the seeds thereof; and resin extracted from any part of the plant; clones of the plant; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture or preparation of the plant, its seeds or resin including tetrahydrocannabinol as defined in M.G.L. c. 94G, § 1; provided that cannabis shall not include:

- (a) the mature stalks of the plant, fiber produced from the stalks, oil, or cake made from the seeds of the plant, any other compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture or preparation of the mature stalks, fiber, oil, or cake made from the seeds of the plant or the sterilized seed of the plant that is incapable of germination;
- (b) hemp; or
- (c) the weight of any other ingredient combined with cannabis or marijuana to prepare topical or oral administrations, food, drink or other products.

Cannabis or Marijuana Products: Cannabis or marijuana and its products unless otherwise indicated. These include products have been manufactured and contain cannabis or marijuana or an extract from cannabis or marijuana, including concentrated forms of marijuana and products composed of marijuana and other ingredients that are intended for use or consumption, including edible products, beverages, topical products, ointments, oils and tinctures.

Ceases to Operate: Marijuana Establishment closes and does not transact business for a period greater than 60 days with no substantial action taken to reopen. The Commission may determine that an establishment has ceased to operate based on its actual or apparent termination of operations.

Commission: The Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission established by M.G.L. c. 10, § 76, or its designee. The Commission has authority to implement the state marijuana laws, which include, but are not limited to, St. 2016, c. 334 as amended by St. 2017, c. 55, M.G.L. c. 94G, and 935 CMR 500.000.

Community Host Agreement: An agreement, pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 94G, Section 3(d), between a Cannabis Establishment and a municipality setting forth additional conditions for the operation of a Cannabis Establishment, including stipulations of responsibility between the parties and a up to 3% host agreement revenue sharing. Note this term is not defined in 935 CMR 500.

Craft Marijuana Cooperative: A Marijuana Cultivator comprised of residents of the Commonwealth and organized as a limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or cooperative corporation under the laws of the Commonwealth. A cooperative is licensed to cultivate, obtain, manufacture, process, package and brand cannabis or marijuana products to transport marijuana to Marijuana Establishments, but not to consumers.

Hemp: The plant of the genus Cannabis or any part of the plant, whether growing or not, with a delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol concentration that does not exceed 0.3% on a dry weight basis of any part of the plant of the genus Cannabis, or per volume or weight of cannabis or marijuana product, or the combined percent of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol and tetrahydrocannabinolic acid in any part of the plant of the genus Cannabis regardless of moisture content.

Host Community: A municipality in which a Marijuana Establishment is located or in which an applicant has proposed locating an establishment.

Marijuana Independent Testing Laboratory: A laboratory that is licensed by the Commission and is:

- (a) accredited to the International Organization for Standardization 17025 (ISO/IEC 17025: 2017) by a third-party accrediting body that is a signatory to the International Laboratory Accreditation Accrediting Cooperation mutual recognition arrangement or that is otherwise approved by the Commission;
- (b) independent financially from any Medical Marijuana Treatment Center (RMD), Marijuana Establishment or licensee for which it conducts a test; and
- (c) qualified to test cannabis or marijuana in compliance with 935 CMR 500.160 and M.G.L. c. 94C, § 34.

Licensee: A person or entity licensed by the Commission to operate a Marijuana Establishment under 935 CMR 500.000.

Manufacture: To compound, blend, extract, infuse or otherwise make or prepare a cannabis or marijuana product.

Marijuana Cultivator: An entity licensed to cultivate, process and package marijuana, and to transfer marijuana to other Marijuana Establishments, but not to consumers. A Craft Marijuana Cooperative is a type of Marijuana Cultivator.

Marijuana Establishment: A Marijuana Cultivator, Craft Marijuana Cooperative, Marijuana Product Manufacturer, Marijuana Retailer, Marijuana Independent Testing Laboratory, Marijuana Research Facility, Marijuana Transporter, or any other type of licensed marijuana-related business, except a medical marijuana treatment center. Marijuana establishments permitted in accordance with these regulations are considered to be a commercial and/or manufacturing use and are not considered being subject to any agricultural exemptions under zoning.

Marijuana Microbusiness: A colocated Marijuana Establishment that can be either a Tier 1 Marijuana Cultivator or Product Manufacturer or both, in compliance with the operating procedures for each license. A Microbusiness that is a Marijuana Product Manufacturer may purchase no more than 2,000 pounds of marijuana per year from other Marijuana Establishments.

Marijuana Process or Processing: To harvest, dry, cure, trim and separate parts of the cannabis or marijuana plant by manual or mechanical means, except it shall not include manufacture as defined in 935 CMR 500.002.

Marijuana Product Manufacturer: An entity licensed to obtain, manufacture, process and package cannabis or marijuana products and to transfer these products to other Marijuana Establishments, but not to consumers.

Marijuana Research Facility: An entity licensed to engage in research projects by the Commission.

Marijuana Retailer: An entity licensed to purchase and transport cannabis or marijuana product from Marijuana Establishments and to sell or otherwise transfer this product to Marijuana Establishments and to consumers. Retailers are prohibited from delivering cannabis or marijuana products to consumers; and from offering cannabis or marijuana products for the purposes of on-site social consumption on the premises of a Marijuana Establishment.

Marijuana Transporter: An entity, not otherwise licensed by the Commission, that is licensed to purchase, obtain, and possess cannabis or marijuana product solely for the purpose of transporting, temporary storage, sale and distribution to Marijuana Establishments, but not to consumers. Marijuana Transporters may be an Existing Licensee Transporter or Third Party Transporter.

Medical Marijuana Treatment Center, also known as a Registered Marijuana Dispensary (RMD): A not-for-profit entity registered under 105 CMR 725.100: Registration of Registered Marijuana Dispensaries, that acquires, cultivates, possesses, processes (including development of related products such as edible cannabis or marijuana products, tinctures, aerosols, oils, or ointments), transfers, transports, sells, distributes, dispenses, or administers marijuana, products containing cannabis or marijuana, related supplies, or educational materials to registered qualifying patients or their personal caregivers for medical use. Unless otherwise specified, RMD refers to the site(s) of dispensing, cultivation, and preparation of cannabis or marijuana for medical use.

Propagation: The reproduction of cannabis or marijuana plants by seeds, cuttings, or grafting.

Provisional Marijuana Establishment License: A certificate issued by the Commission confirming that a Marijuana Establishment has completed the application process.

RMD Applicant: A previously Registered Marijuana Dispensary with a final or provisional certificate of registration in good standing with the DPH.

Permitted Districts

The following should be added as principal uses to your TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS:

USE REGULATION SCHEDULE			
Activity or Use (All activities and uses are also subject to the Overlay District requirements of the Floodplain/ Westfield River and Water Supply Protection Districts in Section 4-30 where applicable)	District		
	RR	V	Solar Overlay
<i>BUSINESS</i>			
Craft Marijuana Cooperative	SPA	N	N
Marijuana Cultivator	SPA	N	N
Marijuana Product Manufacturer	SPA	N	N
Marijuana Retailer	SPA	N	N
Marijuana Independent Testing Laboratory	SPA	N	N
Marijuana Microbusiness	SPA	N	N
Marijuana Research Facility	SPA	N	N
Marijuana Transporter	SPA	N	N
Any other type of licensed marijuana-related business, except a medical marijuana treatment center	SPA	N	N

****Uses only allowed by Special Permit***

The following should be added to the chapter of your Bylaw that contains the additional requirements for your By-Right, Special Permit and/or Site Plan Approval uses.

SECTION 10. OTHER SPECIAL PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Create a new Section 10-50:

Section 10-50 ADULT USE MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS (ME)

d. Purposes.

It is recognized that the nature of the substance cultivated, processed, and/or sold by marijuana establishments may have objectionable operational characteristics and should be located in such a way as

to ensure the health, safety, and general well-being of the public as well as legally authorized adult customers seeking to legally purchase marijuana for their own use. The specific and separate regulation of Marijuana Establishments (hereafter also referred to as an ME) is necessary to advance these purposes and ensure that such facilities are not located within close proximity of minors.

Subject to the provisions of this Zoning Bylaw, Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 94G of the Massachusetts General Laws and 105 CMR 725.000, Marijuana Establishments will be permitted to provide the opportunity for the legal cultivation, product manufacturing and retail sale of marijuana for non-medical adult marijuana use in a manner that complies with state regulations.

e. Applicability

Nothing in this section shall be construed to supersede and state laws governing the sale and distribution of marijuana. This section shall not be construed to prevent the conversion of a medical marijuana treatment center licensed or registered no later than July 1, 2017 engaged in the cultivation, manufacture or sale of marijuana or marijuana products to a Marijuana Establishment, provided, however, any such medical marijuana treatment center obtains a special permit pursuant to this Section for any such conversion to an adult use Marijuana Establishment.

This bylaw does not apply to the cultivation of industrial hemp as is regulated by the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 128, Sections 116-123.

f. Additional Requirements/Conditions

In addition to the standard requirements for uses permitted By-right or requiring a Special Permit, the following shall also apply to all Marijuana Establishments:

a. Use:

- i. Any type of Marijuana Establishment may only be involved in the uses permitted by its definition and may not include other businesses or services.
- ii. No marijuana shall be smoked, eaten or otherwise consumed or ingested within the premises.
- iii. The hours of operation shall be set by the Special Permit Granting Authority, but in no event shall an RMD or OMMD

facility be open to the public, and no sale or other distribution of marijuana shall occur upon the premises or via delivery from the premises, between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.

- iv. No marijuana establishment may commence operation or apply for a building permit prior to its receipt of all required permits and approvals including, but not limited, to its Final License from the Cannabis Control Commission.
- v. The number of adult use marijuana retail establishments permitted to be located within the Town of Cummington shall not exceed 20% of the number of licenses issued within the town for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises where sold under chapter 138 of the General Laws. For the purposes of determining this number, any fraction shall be rounded up to the next highest whole number.
- vi. Marijuana Cultivators shall be capped at Cultivation Tier 3 per lot/site, 10,001 to 20,000 square foot canopy (as set forth in 935 CMR 500), in the Town of Cummington.

b. Physical Requirements:

- i. All aspects of the any marijuana establishment, except for the transportation of product or materials, relative to the acquisition, cultivation, possession, processing, sales, distribution, dispensing, or administration of marijuana, products containing marijuana, related supplies, or educational materials must take place at a fixed location within a fully enclosed building (including greenhouses) and shall not be visible from the exterior of the business. They may not be permitted to be located in a trailer, storage freight container, motor vehicle or other similar type potentially movable enclosure.
- ii. No outside storage is permitted.
- iii. No Marijuana Retailer shall have a gross floor area open to the public in excess of 2,500 square feet.
- iv. Ventilation – all marijuana establishments shall be ventilated in such a manner that no:
 - 1. Pesticides, insecticides or other chemicals or products used in the cultivation or processing are dispersed into the outside atmosphere, and

2. No odor from marijuana or its processing can be detected by a person with an unimpaired and otherwise normal sense of smell at the exterior of the medical marijuana business or at any adjoining use or property.
- v. Signage shall be displayed on the exterior of the marijuana establishment's entrance in plain sight of the public stating that "Access to this facility is limited to individuals 21 years or older." in text two inches in height.

All other signage must comply with all other applicable signage regulations in the Zoning Bylaw and 935 CMR 500

- vi. Cannabis plants, products, and paraphernalia shall not be visible from outside the building in which the cannabis establishment is located and shall comply with the requirements of 935 CMR 500. Any artificial screening device erected to eliminate the view from the public way shall also be subject to a vegetative screen and the Board shall consider the surrounding landscape and viewshed to determine if an artificial screen would be out of character with the neighborhood.
 - vii. All lighting shall be shielded and downward facing to minimize light pollution.
- c. Location:
- i. Marijuana establishments may be located only within the Rural Residential District in the Town of Cummington.
 - ii. Marijuana establishments are encouraged to utilize existing vacant buildings where possible.
 - iii. No marijuana establishment shall be located on a parcel which is within three hundred (300) feet (to be measured in a straight line from the nearest point of the property line in question to the nearest point of the property line where the Marijuana Establishment is or will be located) of a parcel occupied by a pre-existing public or private school (existing at the time the applicant's license application was received by the Cannabis Control Commission) providing education in kindergarten or any of grades 1-12 and/or any public or private child care facility or any other location where children congregate.
 - iv. No marijuana establishment is permitted to utilize or provide a drive-through service.

d. Reporting Requirements.

- i. Prior to the commencement of the operation or services provided by a marijuana establishment, it shall provide the Police Department, Fire Department, Building Commissioner/Inspector and the Special Permit Granting Authority with the names, phone numbers and email addresses of all management staff and key-holders, including a minimum of two (2) operators or managers of the facility identified as contact persons to whom one can provide notice if there are operating problems associated with the establishment. All such contact information shall be updated as needed to keep it current and accurate.
- ii. The local Building Commissioner/Inspector, Board of Health, Police Department, Fire Department and Special Permit Granting Authority shall be notified in writing by the marijuana establishment facility owner/operator/ manager:
 1. A minimum of 30 days prior to any change in ownership or management of that establishment.
 2. A minimum of 12 hours following a violation or potential violation of any law or any criminal or potential criminal activities or attempts of violation of any law at the establishment.
- iii. Permitted marijuana establishments shall file an annual written report to, and appear before, the Special Permit Granting Authority no later than January 31st of each calendar year, providing a copy of all current applicable state licenses for the facility and/or its owners and demonstrate continued compliance with the conditions of the Special Permit.
- iv. The owner or manager of a marijuana establishment is required to respond by phone or email within twenty-four hours of contact by a town/city official concerning their marijuana establishment at the phone number or email address provided to the town as the contact for the business.

e. Issuance/Transfer/Discontinuance of Use

- i. Special Permits shall be issued to the marijuana establishment owner.
- ii. Special Permits shall be issued for a specific type of marijuana establishment on a specific site/parcel.

- iii. Special Permits shall be non-transferable to either another marijuana establishment owner or another site/parcel.
- iv. Special Permits shall have a term limited to the duration of the applicant's ownership/control of the premises as a marijuana establishment, and shall lapse/expire if:
 - 1. the marijuana establishment ceases operation (not providing the operation or services for which it is permitted) for 365 days, and/or
 - 2. the marijuana establishment's registration/license by the Cannabis Control Commission expires or is terminated.
- v. The marijuana establishment shall notify the Building Inspector and Special Permit Granting Authority in writing within 48 hours of such lapse, cessation, discontinuance or expiration or revocation.
- vi. A marijuana cultivation or product manufacturing establishment shall be required to remove all material, plants equipment and other paraphernalia prior to surrendering its state registration/license or ceasing its operation.
 - 1. Prior to the issuance of a Building Permit for a marijuana establishment the applicant is required to post a minimum bond of \$5,000 with the Town Treasurer or other form of financial security acceptable to said Treasurer in an amount set by the Zoning Board of Appeals. The amount shall be sufficient to cover the costs of the town removing all materials, plants, equipment and other paraphernalia if the applicant fails to do so. The Building Inspector shall give the applicant 45 days' written notice in advance of taking such action. Should the applicant remove all materials, plants, equipment and other paraphernalia to the satisfaction of the Building Inspector prior to the expiration of the 45 days written notice, said bond shall be returned to the applicant.

g. Application Requirements

Applications for Special Permits and Site Plan Approvals for marijuana establishments will be processed in the order that they are filed with the town/city. The approval of a Special Permit for any marijuana establishment is up to the discretion of the Zoning Board of Appeals who will be making its determination based on selecting the marijuana

establishments that it finds are in the best interests of the town and best comply with the standards and intent of this Bylaw/Ordinance. While the Zoning Board of Appeals is authorized to approve Special Permits for marijuana establishments in an amount up to, but not exceeding, 20% of the number of licenses issued within the town for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises where sold under chapter 138 of the General Laws, the Zoning Board of Appeals is not obligated to approve an application for a marijuana establishment that it doesn't find is in the best interests of the town and complies with the standards and intent of this Bylaw just because the maximum number of allowed Special Permits for a marijuana establishment haven't been approved.

In addition to the standard application requirements for Special, such applications for a marijuana establishment shall include the following:

- a. The name and address of each owner and operator of the marijuana establishment facility/operation.
- b. A copy of an approved Host Agreement.
- c. A copy of its Provisional License from the Cannabis Control Commission pursuant to 935 CMR 500.
- d. If it's in conjunction with an approved RMD, a copy of its registration as an RMD from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in accordance with 105 CMR 725.000 or from the Cannabis Control Commission in accordance with 935 CMR 500.
- e. Proof of Liability Insurance Coverage or Maintenance of Escrow as required in 935 CMR 500.
- f. Evidence that the Applicant has site control and right to use the site for a marijuana establishment facility in the form of a deed or valid purchase and sales agreement or, in the case of a lease a notarized statement from the property owner and a copy of the lease agreement.
- g. A notarized statement signed by the marijuana establishment organization's Chief Executive Officer and corporate attorney disclosing all of its designated representatives, including officers, directors, shareholders, partners, members, managers, or other similarly-situated individuals and entities and their addresses. If any of the above are entities rather than persons, the Applicant must disclose the identity of all such responsible individual persons.

- h. In addition to what is normally required in a Site Plan, details showing all exterior proposed security measures for the marijuana establishment including lighting, fencing, gates and alarms, etc. ensuring the safety of employees and patrons and to protect the premises from theft or other criminal activity.
- i. A detailed floor plan identifying the areas available and functional uses (including square footage).
- j. All signage being proposed for the facility.
- k. A pedestrian/vehicular traffic impact study to establish the marijuana establishment's impacts at peak demand times, including a line queue plan to ensure that the movement of pedestrian and/or vehicular traffic, including but not limited to, along the public right of ways will not be unreasonably obstructed.
- l. An odor control plan detailing the specific odor-emitting activities or processes to be conducted on-site, the source of those odors, the locations from which they are emitted from the facility, the frequency of such odor-emitting activities, the duration of such odor-emitting activities, and the administrative of odor control including maintenance of such controls.
- m. A Management Plan including a description of all activities to occur on site, including all provisions for the delivery of marijuana and related products to marijuana establishment or off-site direct delivery.
- n. Individual written plans which, at a minimum comply with the requirements of 935 CMR 500, relative to the marijuana establishment's:
 - i. Operating procedures
 - ii. Marketing and advertising
 - iii. Waste disposal
 - iv. Transportation and delivery of marijuana or marijuana products
 - v. Energy efficiency and conservation
 - vi. Security and Alarms
 - vii. Decommissioning of the marijuana establishment including a cost estimate taking into consideration the community's cost to undertake the decommissioning of the site.

h. Findings

In addition to the standard Findings for a Special Permit the Special Permit Granting Authority must also find all the following:

- a. The Marijuana Establishment is consistent with and does not derogate from the purposes and intent of this Section and the Zoning Bylaw.
- b. That the marijuana establishment facility is designed to minimize any adverse visual or economic impacts on abutters and other parties in interest;
- c. That the marijuana establishment facility demonstrates that it meets or exceeds all the permitting requirements of all applicable agencies within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and will be in compliance with all applicable state laws and regulations;
- d. That the applicant has satisfied all of the conditions and requirements of this Section and other applicable Sections of this Bylaw;
- e. That the marijuana establishment facility provides adequate security measures to ensure that no individual participant will pose a direct threat to the health or safety of other individuals, and that the storage and/or location of cultivation is adequately secured on-site or via delivery.
- f. That the marijuana establishment facility adequately addresses issues of traffic demand, circulation flow, parking and queuing, particularly at peak periods at the facility, and its impact on neighboring uses.

**Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously
to dissolve this meeting at 6:54 p.m.**

This is a true record to the best of my knowledge.

Attest



Donna C. Jordan

Cummington Town Clerk

May 17, 2019

Town of Cummington Annual Town Meeting

Friday, May 3, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Donna L. Forgea at 7:00 p.m. at the Community House on Main St. with over the required town quorum. Present total was 91 registered voters and 4 non-residents.

Article 1: Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to fix the salaries and compensation of all **Elected Officials** of the Town for Fiscal 2020, as provided in Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as follows:

Selectboard, Chair	\$ 1,500.00
Selectman 2	1,300.00
Selectman 3	1,300.00
Assessor, Chair	1,200.00
Assessor 2	1,100.00
Assessor 3	1,100.00
Treasurer	11,000.00
Tax Collector	11,000.00
Town Clerk	8,000.00
Moderator	100.00
Tree Warden	50.00
Board of Health, Chair	1,000.00
Board of Health 2	500.00
Board of Health 3	500.00
Vocational School, Chair	40.00
Vocational School 2	15.00
Vocational School 3	15.00
Water Commission, Chair	500.00
Water Commission 2	300.00
Water Commission 3	300.00
TOTAL:	\$ 40,820.00
Constables	\$ 17.00/hr.
Mileage reimbursement for Town Officials	50 cents/mile

Article 2: Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the following amounts for the **General Government Accounts:**

Official Salaries	\$ 40,820.00
Administration General	5,500.00
Administration Various Officials	800.00
Town Counsel	10,000.00
Administration Selectboard	14,800.00
Administration Finance Committee	150.00
Accountant Salary	11,000.00
Administrative Accountant	5,100.00
Administrative Assessors	4,368.00
Assessors Clerk	11,232.00
Assessors Consultant	7,000.00
Assessors Tax Maps	2,400.00
Administration Treasurer	6,727.00
Administration Tax Collector	7,457.00
Tax Title Expense	6,000.00
Administration Town Clerk	1,000.00
Election and Registration	1,720.00
Conservation Commission	250.00
Planning Board Expense	3,000.00
Zoning Board of Appeals	500.00
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS:	\$ 139,824.00

Article 3: Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the following amounts to the **Highway Department Accounts:**

Highway Garage	\$ 12,500.00
Highway Administration	1,000.00
Highway General	110,000.00
Highway Tool & Machinery	70,000.00
Highway Vac., Holiday, Sick & Personal	30,209.00
Highway Salaries	173,878.00
Highway Overtime	18,910.00
Winter Roads	80,000.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS	\$ 496,497.00

Article 4: Motion was made, seconded and voted to separate all three CBRSD accounts from the **School and Library Account**. Motion made, seconded to raise and appropriate the following amounts for the **School and Library Accounts**:

Vocational Tuition	\$ 145,000.00
Vocational Transportation	43,802.00
Bryant Library Operating	7,770.00
TOTAL SCHOOL AND LIBRARIES ACCOUNTS	\$ 196,733.00

Motion carried.

CBRSD Operating Expense	\$ 767,430.00
CBRSD Capital Expense	4,675.00
CBRSD Transportation	17,695.00
TOTAL CBRSD ACCOUNTS	\$ 789,800.00

After being put on hold, discussion ensued and after hearing from CBRSD Superintendent, a second motion was made, seconded and voted **the Motion carried (Yes was all but one No) against funding the CBRSD Accounts.**

Article 5: Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,443.00 to the **Veterans Account**.

Article 6: Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to raise and appropriate, (after a quick hold on the Emergency Management account to fix an erroneous amount on the paper.) the following amounts to the **Protection of Persons and Property Accounts**:

Police Department	\$ 14,000.00
Police Department Salaries	15,000.00
F.D. and Forest Warden	22,204.00
Building Inspector	10,000.00
Building Inspector Administration	500.00
Public Safety Complex Operating	17,500.00
Emergency Management	1,446.00
Animal Control Expenses	1,000.00
Animal Control Salary	2,400.00
Tree Account	6,000.00
TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY ACCOUNTS	\$ 90,050.00

Article 7: Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the following amounts to the **Health and Sanitation Accounts:**

Water Operating	\$ 53,000.00
Water Stipend / Wages	12,000.00
Hydrant Assessment	9,500.00
Board of Health Operating	47,000.00
Board of Health Wages	16,500.00
Highland Ambulance	41,084.00
TOTAL HEALTH and SANITATION ACCOUNTS	\$ 179,084.00

Article 8: Motion was made, seconded, and discussion began on Highway Truck Loan and School Roof Loan account. A seconded Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer from **Free Cash \$24,000.00** for **Highway Truck Loan** and **\$3,072.00** for **Highway Truck Loan Interest** and to raise and appropriate **\$117,144.00** for the following amounts to the **Debt and Interest Accounts:**

Safety Complex Loan	\$ 32,633.00
Highway Truck Loan	24,000.00
Interest on Loans	5,000.00
Safety Complex Loan Interest	44,941.00
Highway Truck Loan Interest	3,072.00
School Roof Loan	28,000.00
School Roof Interest	6,570.00
TOTAL DEBT and INTEREST	\$ 144,216.00

Article 9: Motion was made, seconded and discussion ensued about the **Berkshire Trail Building Account**. About income from use, insurance on the building and changing the use to Municipal use, after which a second Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the following amounts to the **Unclassified Accounts:**

Insurance and Bonds	\$ 48,829.00
And take from Historical Commission	3,000.00
Lawn Mowing	6,000.00
Community House	16,500.00
Phone/Internet - Various Departments	19,000.00
Town Reports	3,400.00

Council on Aging	2,000.00
Council on Aging Wages	3,360.00
Recreation Committee	4,000.00
Contributory Retirement	66,452.00
Council of Governments	
Unemployment Compensation	1,200.00
Medical Insurance	36,000.00
Social Security/Medicare	16,000.00
Audit	8,000.00
Lower Pioneer Valley Planning Commission	145.00
Reserve Fund	6,000.00
Municipal Light Plant	1,000.00
Berkshire Trail School Building	47,000.00
Animal Inspector	500.00
Cemetery Maintenance	8,000.00
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS	\$ 296,386.00

Article 10: Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to set a cap of **\$3,000.00** for the **Community House Revolving Account** and a cap of **\$12,000.00** for the **Inspectors Revolving Account**.

Article 11: Motion was made, seconded, and discussion ensued. Selectmen Kip Sears put a motion forth that the Board of Selectmen should be deciding on the stipends for the below accounts.

Selectmen believe the stipends should be:

Fire Chief	\$ 5,000 to \$ 7,500
Police Chief	\$ 5,000
Emergency Management Director	\$ 1,000
Fire Fighters	\$ 12,000 available (Hourly rate \$ 14.00)

Finance Committee after being asked from the Selectboard came up with the following stipends:

Fire Chief	\$ 10,000
Police Chief	\$ 15,000
Emergency Management Director	\$ 5,000

Fire fighters Passed for a later date, to allow time for the new Fire Chief to collect information, so he could come forth an request a fair price.

The town people stated how it was important and it was time for these and many more positions to be compensated for all they do for our town.

Second Motion was made, seconded, to consider voting all accounts at the same time, was voted down. Third Motion was made, seconded, to vote the stipends separately, passed.

Fourth Motion was made, seconded, Motion carried to raise and appropriate the below sums to be used for stipends on the following:

Fire Chief	\$ 10,000.00
Police	\$ 15,000.00
Emergency Management Director	\$ 5,000.00
Fire Fighters	Tabled for a later date.

Article 12: Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to accept the **Annual 2018 Town Report** as printed.

Article 13: Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer from **Free Cash** the sum of **\$10,000.00** for **CEMETERY CAPITAL** (tombstone restoration).

Article 14: Motion was made, seconded, and discussion began about the vests. A second Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer from **Free Cash** the sum of **\$3,000.00** for **POLICE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL** (bullet proof vests).

Article 15: Motion was made, seconded, and discussion began about replacing the 1986 pick-up truck. Second Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,122.00** and transfer from **Free Cash** the sum of **\$23,515** and transfer from the **HIGHWAY CAPITAL ACCOUNT** the sum of **\$8,863.00** for a total of **\$38,500.00** for the **HIGHWAY CAPITAL Account** (new pick-up truck).

Article 16: Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer from **Free Cash** the sum of **\$4,000.00** for the **FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL** (2 sets turnout gear).

Article 17: Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for any Federal, State or other grants that may be available and to expend any money received.

Article 18: Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 4A of the General Laws to authorize the employment of the members of the Board of Selectmen by the Selectmen, Selectmen by the Highway Department, the members of the Board of Health by the Health Department, the Water Commissioners by the Water Department, the Assessors by the Board of Assessors, the Historical Commission members by the Historical Commission, and **to fix the rate of \$18.00** per hour as compensation for such employment; and to vote to pay the Highway Department employees hired by the Water Commissioners at their Highway Department rate of pay from the Water Department Account.

Article 19: Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to accept any available funds relating to highways including, without limitations, so-called Chapter 90 type construction monies and further vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into contracts for the expenditure of the monies received.

Article 20: Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to have the Town of Cumington continue negotiations with the Hampshire Regional and Worthington School Districts to establish, when permitted, Tuition Agreements for our students once we have departed the Central Berkshire Regional School District non-binding article.

Article 21. After Sara Tower read a synopsis of this resolution and discussion happened, a Motion was made, seconded, with 47 Yes, and 11 No votes, it carried to adopt the following non-binding resolution:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CHANGING THE STATE FLAG AND SEAL OF MASSACHUSETTS

Whereas the history of the State of Massachusetts is replete with instances of conflict between the European Colonists and the Native Nations of the region, who first extended the hand of friendship to the Colonists on their shores in 1620, and helped them to survive starvation during the settlers' first winters on their land:

Whereas members of the Native Nation for whom the State of Massachusetts is named were ambushed and killed by Myles Standish, first commander of the Plymouth Colony, in April 1623, barely two years after the Pilgrims arrived on their shores;

- Whereas the naked Colonial broadsword brandished above the head of the Native man on the Massachusetts State Flag and Seal is modeled over Myles Standish's own broadsword, borrowed from the Pilgrim Hall in Plymouth by the illustrator Edmund Garrett in 1884;
- Whereas the belt binding the Native's cloak on the Flag and Seal is modeled after a belt worn by Metacomet, known to the English as King Philip, who was among the Wampanoag leaders who resorted to a mutually destructive war in 1675-76 in defense of Native lands against Euro-Colonial encroachment;
- Whereas the proportions of the body of the Native man in the Flag and Seal were taken from a Native skeleton kept in Winthrop, the bow modeled after a bow taken from a Native man shot and killed by a colonist in Sudbury in 1665, and his features taken from a photograph of an Ojibwe chief from Great Falls, Montana, considered by the illustrator to be a "fine specimen of an Indian," though not from Massachusetts;
- Whereas the history of relations between Massachusetts since Colonial times and the Native Nations who continue to live within its borders includes the forced internment of thousands of so-called "praying Indians" on Deer Island, in Boston Harbor, where they died by the hundreds of exposure in 1675, their subsequent enslavement in Boston, Bermuda, and the Caribbean Islands, the offering of 40 pounds sterling as bounty for the scalps of Native men, women and children in Massachusetts beginning in 1686, increased to 100 pounds sterling for the scalps of Native adult males by 1722, half that amount for Native women and children;
- Whereas Native Nations within the boundaries of Massachusetts were kept in a state of serfdom, and their members legally considered incompetent wards of the state until the nonviolent action of the so-called Mashpee Rebellion of 1833 led to the granting of Native self-rule by the Massachusetts legislature in 1834, as if the sovereign rights of Native self-government was the Massachusetts legislature's to confer;
- Whereas Native Americans were legally prohibited from even stepping foot into Boston from 1675 until 2004, when that law was finally repealed;
- Whereas the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Euro-Colonists at Plymouth Plantation, which gave rise to the long chain of genocidal wars and deliberate policies of cultural destruction against Native Nations of this continent, is approaching in the year 2020, affording every citizen of the Commonwealth a change to reflect upon this history and come to a new awareness of a better relationship between the descendants of the descendants of the Euro-Colonial immigrants and the Native Nations of the Commonwealth;

And whereas Native Americans have long suffered the many abuses of racism, the appropriation of their symbols for public schools and sports teams, the diminution and pollution of their ancestral lands and the encroachment of their cultural lifeways;

Now, therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Cummington hereby adopt this resolution in support of HD.2968 and SD.1495, a **“Resolve Providing for the creation of a Special Commission relative to the Seal and Motto of the Commonwealth,”** and request that Representative Natalie Blais and Senator Adam Hinds continue their strong advocacy and support for the aforementioned Resolve (HD.2968 and SD.1495) in the General Court, and that the Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, after holding a public hearing on the Resolve report it out favorably, and if legislation shall pass that the Governor shall sign it and work with members of the General Court to ensure its enactment.

A thank you was sent out to Selectmen Kip Sears, III and Susan Warriner, Tax Collector and Treasurer in acknowledgement for all their many years of service for the Town of Cummington.

**Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously
to dissolve this meeting at 9:53 p.m.**

This is a true record to the best of my knowledge.

Attest:



Donna C. Jordan

Cummington Town Clerk

May 21, 2019

Annual Town Election Results - May 13, 2019

The polls were open, the ballot box declared empty and working properly. Voting began at 1 p.m. and ended at 8 p.m., after 194 voters voted, resulting in the following elected officials:

Selectman for three years		Water Commissioner for three years	
William Adams	166	Todd Emerson	166
Kenneth Howes (write-in)	2		
Selectman for one year		Trustee of the Bryant Free Library for five years	
Eliza Dragon	94	John Maruskin	172
Joshua Wachtel	92		
Kenneth Howes (write-in)	3	Finance Committee for three years	
June Lynds (write-in)	2	Jill Figlozzi	126
		Stephanie Bean	109
Assessor for three years		June Lynds	97
Joy Johns	179		
Assessor for one year		Board of Health for three years	
Robert Josh Mobley	150	James Wettereau	162
Moderator for one year		Board of Health for one year	
Donna L. Forgea	148	Jill Figlozzi (write-in)	1
Alice Cozzolino (write-in)	1	Kenneth Howes (write-in)	1
		Emily Bull (write-in)	1
Vocational School Committee for three years		Kara Thayer (write-in)	1
Robert Godfrey, III	161	Bill Honhe (write-in)	1
Almoner of Charitable Funds for three years		Planning Board for five years	
Bernard L. Forgea	154	Kathryn Eiseman	162
		Planning Board for two years	
Commissioner of Trust Funds for three years		Judy Bogart	166
Scott Keith (write-in)	2	Cummington Recreation Pettingill Memorial Field Committee for three years	
Eli Schotz (write-in)	1	Nicole Wortis	159
Brian Gilman (write-in)	1	Geraldine Wilcox	155
Emily Bull (write-in)	1	Fletcher Schneeflock (write-in)	1
		Stacy Mackowiak (write-in)	1

**Municipal Light Plant Board
for three years**
Scott B Keith

172

Constables

Sharon Cunningham
Michael A. Perkins, II
Emily Bull (write-in)

173
162
1

Such are the results of this Annual Town Election.

Attest:



Donna C. Jordan

**Cummington Town Clerk
May 16, 2019**

Note 1: Being a town election and not a Federal election all registered names that were written-in have been listed, with counts below 10.

Note 2: Possible recount of one or two offices are pending.

Town Election Recount of May 13, 2019

On June 5, 2019 at 6 p.m. in the Community House

Results:

Selectman for one year

Eliza Dragon	94
Joshua Wachtel	92
Write ins	5
Blanks	3

With a total of 194 votes.

Results were the same as counted on May 13, 2019.

Eliza Dragon won the one year seat as Selectmen.

Such are the results of the Recount of the Annual Town Election.

Attest:



Donna C Jordan

Cummington Town Clerk, June 6, 2019

Special Town Meeting Minutes - June 27, 2019

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Donna L. Forgea at the Community House on Main St. with over the town quorum of 15 registered voters. Non-registered voters were present also.

Article 1: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to **raise and appropriate** the sums of

\$ 767,430.00 for **Central Berkshire Regional School District Operating Expense,**

\$ 4,675.00 for **Central Berkshire Regional School District Capital Expense,**

\$ 17,695.00 for **Central Berkshire Regional School District Transportation.**

Total of **\$ 789,800.00**

Article 2: Motion made, seconded, and voted to transfer the sum of **\$1,000.00** from **Free Cash** to a **250th Anniversary Account.**

Article 3: Motion made, seconded, and voted to authorize the Selectboard to enter into a ten (10) year contract with the option for a five (5) year extension, commencing on July 1, 2020 with the qualified vendor selected by MassDEP through a competitive bid process of recycling processing services for the Town, subject to the Selectboard's determination that the contract is in the best interest of the Town and subject to Town Meeting approval in the Spring 2020 for funding for these services.

Article 4: Motion made, seconded, and voted to transfer the sum of **\$100,000** from **Free Cash** to the **Stabilization Account.**

Article 5: Motion made, seconded, and after a quick question and answer voted to transfer the sums from the following accounts:

Highway Salaries **\$ 7,000.00**

Highway Overtime **\$10,000.00**

Tool & Machinery **\$ 7,000.00**

Brush Mower **\$ 7,419.58**

To Total **\$31,419.58** to the **Highway General Account.**

Article 6: Motion made, seconded, and **passed** to a future date to transfer a sum of money from **water surplus** to the **Water Operating Account.**

Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to dissolve this meeting at 7:08 p.m.

This is a true record to the best of my knowledge.

Attest:



Donna C. Jordan,
Cummington Town Clerk, July 1, 2019

Board of Assessors

Assessors Report

Fiscal year (FY) 2019 tax rate was set on September 21, 2018 at \$14.44 per \$1,000 of real and personal property value. The Town of Cummington had a single tax rate that applied to residential, commercial, industrial, and personal property. The average single-family property tax bill went from \$3,329 (FY2018) to \$3,447 (FY2019). The average assessment of a single-family residence went from \$233,637 (FY2018), to \$238,737 (FY2019).

The Board had quite a few personnel changes. Mark Bevan resigned as an Assessor in December, 2018. Robert Joshua Mobley was appointed in his place. Chairman of the board Samuel Konieczny resigned in May, 2019. Sam has been an Assessor since FY2012, and chairman of the board since March 10, 2016. The Board wishes him the best in his future endeavors. Joy Johns was voted in as chairman June, 2019. Elliot Ring was appointed in his place. Robert Joshua Mobley resigned in June, 2019. Mark Bevan was appointed to replace him.

We encourage people to check out the Assessor's webpage at:

<http://www.cummington-ma.gov/Boards.php?4>

One of the best features is our GIS maps. There you can look at many different layers and views including; parcel dimension text, zoning, tax exempt land, state owned land, contours, streams wetlands, google earth view, etc.

The Board continues to inspect properties to keep our assessment data up-to-date. Personal property will also be viewed along with our regular real property inspections. Please feel free to contact the Board of Assessors to schedule a viewing.

The office is open to the public on Monday mornings from 9:30 am - 11:30 am, except on holidays where it will be open on Tuesday instead. The Assessors meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings of each month starting at 6:00 pm. The Board meetings are subject to change based on holidays and the Board members' schedules. Please check the town website for scheduled meeting dates.

We welcome all questions and comments.

Respectfully submitted,

Elliot Ring
Mark Bevan
Joy Johns, Chair

Assessor's Financial Report

RECAPITULATION

	Fiscal 2017	Fiscal 2018	Fiscal 2019
Appropriations voted for Fiscal Year	\$ 2,276,336.00	\$ 2,518,952.11	\$ 2,494,412.07
Appropriations voted for previous fiscal year after previous fiscal year tax rate was set	2,276,336.00	2,518,952.11	2,494,412.07
Other Local Expenditures:			
Total Overlay deficit of prior years	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Offsets	1,935.00	2,002.00	2,065.00
Other: Water Department Deficit	-	-	6,691.17
TOTAL LOCAL EXPENDITURES	1,935.00	2,002.00	8,756.17
State Assessments	3,571.00	2,492.00	1,945.00
County Assessments	-	-	-
Overlay	14,810.64	14,720.29	14,238.82
GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	2,296,652.64	2,538,166.40	2,519,352.06
Estimated Receipts & Available Funds			
Estimated Receipts - State	213,018.00	217,642.00	227,486.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	213,018.00	217,642.00	227,486.00
Local Estimated Receipts			
Motor Vehicle Excise	60,000.00	87,000.00	97,000.00
Penalties & Interest on Taxes and Excise	5,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Payments in lieu of taxes	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Water Charge	53,200.00	-	-
Trash Disposal Charge	24,000.00	23,000.00	23,000.00
Other Charges for Services	-	-	-
Fees	3,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
Rentals	-	8,000.00	8,000.00
Other Department Revenue	-	-	-
Licenses & Permits	5,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Fines & Forfeitures	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Investment Income	500.00	500.00	500.00
Miscellaneous recurring	-	-	-
TOTAL LOCAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	\$ 152,700.00	\$ 148,500.00	\$ 158,500.00

Assessor's Financial Report (continued)

	Fiscal 2017	Fiscal 2018	Fiscal 2019
Other Revenue Sources			
Free Cash	\$ 146,630.00	\$ 315,773.11	\$ 202,737.07
Other Available Funds	3,000.00	54,500.00	73,000.00
Overlay Surplus	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE SOURCES	149,630.00	370,273.11	275,737.07
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND OTHER REVENUE SOURCES	515,348.00	736,415.11	661,723.07
NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED (Gross amount to be raised minus Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds)	1,781,304.64	1,801,751.29	1,857,628.99
TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY VALUATIONS	4,599,354.00	4,375,670.00	4,131,070.00
TOTAL REAL PROPERTY VALUATIONS	122,818,718.00	122,063,017.00	124,513,597.00
TOTAL PERSONAL & REAL PROPERTY VALUATIONS	127,418,072.00	126,438,687.00	128,644,667.00
TAX EXEMPT VALUATION	\$ 23,429,000.00	\$ 24,316,100.00	\$ 26,285,100.00
Tax Rate per 1,000.00 Valuation by Class			
Class I - Residential	\$ 13.98	\$ 14.25	\$ 14.44
Class II - Open Space	13.98	14.25	14.44
Class III - Commercial	13.98	14.25	14.44
Class IV - Industrial	13.98	14.25	14.44
Class V - Personal Property	\$ 13.98	\$ 14.25	\$ 14.44

Board of Health

Annual Report for FY2019

Board of Health activities for Fiscal Year 2019 (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019) include:

New Rubbish Compactor

Preparations were made well in advance to replace the 30-year-old rubbish compactor, and as soon as the fiscal year began in July, the new compactor was installed. The housing for loading trash into the compactor was retained, but overlapping joints needed to be reversed, and there were gaps in butted joints. It was sanded, welded, and painted to improve its operation and extend its lifespan. Electrical work was done to relocate the gauge and the switch for activating the new rubbish compactor (so it is accessible when the loading-chute doorway is open). Electrical work was also performed on the Take it or Leave it shed, Transfer Station office, and the rubbish compactor shed, including the shed's overhead light.

Nationwide Changes for Recycling

Materials Recycling Facilities (MRFs) throughout the region are looking at new options for recycling, largely due to China's rejection of recyclables, throughout the globe. In addition, a glass-recycling facility that had operated for 40 years in Milford, Massachusetts has now retired their business. The Board of Health for Cummington, along with all member-towns within the Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative (HRMC) were notified in August 2018 of a September meeting at the Western Region Department of Environmental Protection office regarding Waste Management's plans to implement a per-ton tipping fee for single stream recyclables brought to the Springfield MRF. There is increased awareness that glass, in particular, contaminates other recyclables.

Recent tonnages indicate that new fees could increase Town costs by approximately \$9,000 per year. The same total tonnage in a dual-stream would cost approximately \$4,800 per year. The Board of Health is exploring options like separating paper or glass from the cans and plastics in order to reduce the new costs, by lessening cross-contamination.

The Board will consider options for paying the increased costs. Research and planning have already begun, to be ready before a new contract with the MRF begins in FY2021, which is July 1, 2020.

Grant awarded to Cummington Board of Health

For several years, the Board of Health has been awarded an increasingly high grant from the Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP) and Recycling Dividends Program (RDP). Cummington was awarded \$5,600 for FY2019, and of the 10 towns within the local region, Cummington qualified for the largest grant.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Wettereau, Chair	2022
Jack Earls	2021

Bryant Free Library

Total number of patrons	822
Total circulation of library materials	1,368
Interlibrary loans	19
Acquisitions	151
Periodical subscriptions	14

FY19 saw the BFL continuing its important role in our community, not only for the library materials it provides, but also as a valued meeting place for the exchange of information and ideas. This seems increasingly important in a world more and more dominated by digital technologies that can connect people on some levels while separating them on others. Settling into the warm confines of William Cullen Bryant's historic gift to the town, surrounded by handsome works of literary genius arrayed within a shrine-like setting of sublime craftsmanship, can often feel as comfortable as a favorite pair of old slippers. I think WCB would still be pleased, for despite all of the shocking changes that have taken place throughout our world since he walked the earth, the essence of what we do here aligns perfectly with his original intentions.

For a small library we have a lot to offer ... very possibly much more than you might expect.

If you haven't visited the BFL in some time, why not come in and get reacquainted with this unique little gem. If you've never been here, that's even more reason. I know you've got lots going on in your life, but a wonderful library is good for the soul, and the Bryant Free Library is, by popular acclaim, a wonderful library. So do your soul a favor and come in.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark DeMaranville
Librarian

Building Department

Annual Report Fiscal Year 2019

The Inspector of Buildings reports that for Fiscal Year 2019 sixty five (65) Building Permits were issued having a total construction value of \$ 1,754,535.00

Single Family Dwellings	3
Window / Door Replacement	3
Additions/Accessory Structures	6
Re-roof	10
Renovations	5
Weatherization	7
PV Solar Installations	5
General Repair	10
Wood / Pellet Stove	6
Certificates of Inspection	2
Building Permit Fees collected	\$ 9,679.00
Certificates of Inspection	\$ 115.00
Total Fees collected	\$ 9,794.00

The Building Department currently serves the Town with office hours Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 to 10:30 AM with inspections made by appointment. Other times may be available based on schedule and emergency circumstances.

As the newly appointed Building Commissioner, I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome and support I have received. It is my goal to be available, fair, and impartial in the enforcement of the Building Code. Please feel free to call or drop in with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Forgue
Building Commissioner

Central Berkshire Regional School District

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the following Cummington graduates from Wahconah Regional High School.

Varick Connell

Madeline Heon

Chad Howes

Sage Howes

Isaiah Lazarus-Reed

We wish you the best in your new endeavors.

Central Hampshire Veterans' Services

2019 Accomplishments

Continued to work with the Massachusetts Interagency Council on Housing and Homelessness on the implementation of the Integrated Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness Among Veterans, identifying veterans experiencing homelessness, and developing appropriate permanent housing models for them. We are participating with the three County Continuum of Care to address the need for permanent housing for community veterans. We are partnering with Valley CDC in providing support services to the newly built housing in Northampton and projected permanent housing they are looking to build in Amherst. We have assisted moving dozens of formally homeless veterans into permanent housing again this year, with 5 veterans utilizing the newly acquired Continuum vouchers for homeless veterans that are not VA health eligible but are still in need of supportive housing services. The supportive services are being provided by ServiceNet through an agreement with our office, VA and HUD.

We have become a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Outreach Partner in November in order to more directly assist Veterans and families access to this federal program. We are working hard to get the word out that our office can now provide this service and our applicants no longer need to go to Holyoke or Greenfield DTA offices to apply.

We continued our work at the Hampshire County Housing Court in Hadley on a weekly basis to address the needs of veterans in Hampshire County who are at risk of homelessness, preventing eight veterans including three veterans with families from falling into homelessness. We have found it is much easier to keep our people in housing than it is to rehouse them after an eviction or other legal processes.

We participated in several outreach events such as the Western Mass. Stand Down, Cumington Fair, 3-County Fair and the Big E, as well as outreach tables at UMass Basketball and Hockey sporting events on Veterans' Day weekend.

Challenges

We made significant gains in overall outreach on veterans' benefits; namely VA filings, however, our department seems to be struggling with finding eligible veterans and their dependents for assistance through our chapter 115 benefits program. The numbers are down district wide. It is expected that 1 in 1,000 residents within a Massachusetts community are eligible for our program. The Department's objective is ongoing and efforts need to be doubled to ensure all who need assistance receive it.

Due to the Mission Act, signed summer of 2019, the Federal Government is reducing medical services to area veterans and requiring them to access health care in the community which will require more coordination by veteran's services department. We believe we need to look for a member of our staff to go to training and become a SHINE Representative in order to more directly assist Veterans and families to access the everchanging medical insurance challenges. The federal government has made significant changes to the VA Healthcare system nationally and in Western Mass., and we will need to provide the best information as possible as our older veterans are being compelled to use more and more health services in the community.

Hill Towns

In 2019, our district played a significant role in providing services to veterans and their families within the hill towns of our district. The district hill towns include, Williamsburg, Chesterfield, Worthington, Goshen, Cummington, Chester, and Middlefield.

As expected, our community outreach efforts have helped us connect with veterans who we've been able to help in one way or another. We have nine hill town veterans who are receiving VA health benefits as a result of our outreach at the Cummington Fair and Three County Fair. We've helped other veteran's initiate VA compensation claims after meeting them at these events.

This year we've seen an increase veteran's reaching out for help with billing issues within the VA's "Community Care" program. This is the program that replaced the "Veterans' Choice" program as a result of the 2018 legislation known as the, "Mission Act." In most cases we've been able to fix these problems with a phone call. We've had to submit an appeal for payment in some of the more complicated cases. Whenever a large-scale program is implemented there are always imperfections to be worked out. We're confident that many of these issues will be less prevalent as the Community Care program ages.

Cummington

This year we've submitted two VA compensation & pension claims and one VA health benefit claim. Currently, the total monthly VA compensation & pension being paid to beneficiaries who reside in Chesterfield is \$25,454. M.G.L. CH 115 veterans benefits paid out to help veterans and their families for the last four quarters is \$9,695.49, 75% of which will be reimbursed by the state.

Conservation Commission

The Cummington Conservation Commission is charged with enforcing the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act. The law protects not only wetlands, but other resource areas, such as land open to flooding (100 year flood plains), the riverfront area (added by the rivers protection act), and land under water bodies and waterways. The Con Comm is also responsible for upholding the Westfield Rivers' Wild and Scenic designation. The main objective of all of the legislation/acts is protection of the Town's precious water resources.

The law regulates many types of work in resource areas, including vegetation removal, regrading, and construction of houses, additions, decks, driveways, and commercial or industrial buildings. If you want to work in a wetland resource area or within 100 feet of a wetland (an area called the buffer zone), contact the conservation commission before you start work.

If you are unsure whether your proposed work site is in a resource area or whether the work will alter a resource area, you can apply for a Request for Determination of Applicability. If the conservation commission determines that the work will alter a resource area, you must file an application, called a Notice of Intent (NOI), and pay an application fee.

Most of the meetings held were of a routine nature, i.e., discussion of proposed building projects (along with subsequent visits to 5 sites so as to sign off on the building permit). One Request for Determination hearing was held for Rt. 112 roadwork. One Notice of Intent hearing for 337 Berkshire Trail was continued a number of times in order that engineering company could respond to various concerns by abutters, lawyers and concerned citizens. Another continuance was scheduled for Sept. 9, 2019.

Minutes of each meeting and hearings held are published on the Town of Cummington's website.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan Douglas
Chairperson

Members:

Allan Douglas, Chair	2021
Robert Arbib	2022
Robert Dextraze	2020
Matthew Drawe	2021
John Eisenhower	2020
Sarah Fournier-Scanlon	2021
Gerald Howes, Jr.	2022

Cummington Council on Aging

July 2018 – June 2019

The Cummington Council on Aging makes available programs and services to those who are 60 and over (314 people) and their families. Funding comes from the Massachusetts Office of Elder Affairs, the town of Cummington, and donations from our community.

During FY 2019, the amount of scheduled activities increased to 28 per month. This satisfied our goal of creating a minimum of two new programs for our town's elders. A walking group and needlework group were successfully established. A foot clinic was also established which runs bi-monthly. We currently offer a quarterly bus trip. Moreover, a medical equipment lending program was established where canes, crutches, walkers, rollators, wheelchairs, transport chairs, commodes, bath/shower chairs and raised toilet seats are available and stored in the basement of the Community House. The Better Bones and Balance exercise class is offered twice a week and is well-attended. Additional ongoing activities include a monthly potluck lunch, a blood pressure clinic, a ladies luncheon and the "Living Fully, Aging Gracefully and Befriending Death" group. We also offered a Flu Clinic and Health Fair to all residents in town in November.

The Cummington COA belongs to the Northern Hilltowns Consortium of COAs which keeps us apprised of State and National issues. They have developed a website - northernhilltownscoas.org - where residents can go to find information specific to elders. They also provide the COA Board of Directors with a yearly training.

A monthly newsletter continues to provide information to residents on both the local and regional level. The Neighbor to Neighbor program remained a source of transportation to medical appointments, funded mainly by donations.

Two surveys to our population were sent out during the year. One sponsored by the Consortium that resulted in a town forum meeting and Developing a Rural Age and Dementia Friendly Communities Pilot Program. The second from our own COA to determine what types of programs, information and activities interest our seniors. That survey resulted in 4 programs being developed, two of which succeeded.

The COA worked with Healthy Hampshire in the development of a "Walk Friendly" brochure that shows a dozen walking routes, for all ages, in Cummington.

In June we receive recognition that Cummington has committed to becoming more age-friendly under the criteria established by AARP and the World Health Organization and has been accepted as a member of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities. Antron Watson from AARP Boston presented a plaque that will hang in the Community House. Natalie Blais, our State Representative from the First Franklin District, spoke.

The year ended with Anne Parsons stepping down as Coordinator and Chrisoula Roumeliotis taking on that position.

Respectfully submitted,

Chrisoula Roumeliotis
Coordinator

Cummington Council on Aging Board of Directors:

Elliot Ring, Chairman
JoDee Simard, Treasurer
Ann Eisenhour
Anne Parsons, Recording Secretary
Gail Roberge
Kathleen Knox
Worth Noyes

Cumington Cultural Council

Annual Report 2019

MEMBERSHIP

The Cumington Cultural Council is the local arm of the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Each council is required to maintain at least five appointed members at all times, and each individual can serve two terms. For FY 2019 we had seven members. Beckie Kravetz and Kimberly Wachtel were co-chairpersons. Both are in the final year of their second terms. The remaining members are in their first term.

Patricia Brundage oversees the Community House Gallery.

Name	Title	Name	Title
Brundage, Patricia	Member	Bye, John	Member
Dragon, Eliza	Member	Ferrin, June	Ex-Officio
Johns, Jeanne	Member	Kravetz, Beckie	Co-Chair
Tower, Seva	Member	Wachtel, Kimberly Repas	Co-Chair

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES July 1, 2018--July 30, 2019

The activities of the Cumington Cultural Council are chiefly to administer state-granted funds and to manage the gallery aspect of the rooms at the rear of the Community House. Every year, as required by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, local councils must seek input from the community. Our most recent community survey was in late 2018, and the results of that survey informed our FY 2019 granting cycle.

GRANTS

Each year the Cultural Council receives funds from the state to grant for arts, humanities and science projects. For Fiscal Year 2019 we were allocated \$4,699 in funds. We received 26 applications and funded 16 projects.

The Council gave priority to projects with a clear local benefit, applicants that utilize Cumington's town facilities, projects that serve elders and children, new and/or original ideas. We looked for evidence of the applicant's ability to successfully complete the proposed project and the ability to address the diverse cultural needs of our community.

GALLERY

In Fiscal Year 2019 we featured 9 artists in our Gallery space. In June of 2019 the Community House Gallery served as the information hub for the second annual Hilltown Open Studio Tour, featuring the work of 29 Hilltown artists.

Finance Committee

July 1 2018 thru June 30 2019

There were two transfers made from the \$6,000 Reserve Fund.

1. Insurance and Bonds	\$ 1,750	
2. Safety Complex	\$ 3,400	Alarm panel replacement
Returned to free cash	\$ 850	

We are currently in the third year of tax rate increases (FY17 .45, FY18 .27, FY19 .25) for a total of .97 cents/thousand. This trend is mainly caused by the town's total personal and real property value remaining nearly stagnant with no real growth, coupled with increased spending. The result is increased tax burden on the citizens.

The expenses of the new Highway truck and the Berkshire Trail roof are two examples which have affected this years tax rate. Coming next year Broad Band, New Wahconah High School, and Berkshire Trail School upgrades?????

It's going to be challenging to navigate the future finances without any clear prioritized spending plan that must be developed.

Next years tax rate increase could be in excess of \$1.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Forgea, Chairman
Susan Warner Treasurer/Collector
Donna Forgea Moderator
Maureen Tumenas
Scott Keith
Jill Figlozzi
Daniel Loux
Stephanie Bean

Fire Association

Over the past year the Cummington Fire Association was under the leadership of President Steven Emerson, Treasurer Dennis Forgea, and Clerk Bernard L. Forgea.

We are now in our fifteenth year of service provided by Highland Ambulance. We could never have imagined what a positive impact this service was going to have on all of our responders and, on our communities. Our collective regret is that we didn't do this years earlier! The level of service is improving each month and we are nearly at 24/7 Paramedic coverage. Of course, we still maintain our local First Responder training so we can provide patient care and support while Highland is responding. Every three years our own personnel must receive a 21-hour refresher in First Aid and patient support. This training is provided by Highland Ambulance personnel as part of their original organizational structure guidelines. Our few EMTs (3) must recertify every 2 years. Anyone interested in becoming an EMT please contact Highland Ambulance. Our numbers are rapidly dwindling.

As reported last year here, the electrical connection at Alice's Kitchen has been installed so that in case of a large weather event with widespread power outages, we will have a source of food for our First Responders and Emergency responding personnel. For the first time we were forced to utilize this installation so Alice could provide food for our First responders, including our highway personnel who were working extended hours clearing the roads from a major snow event. We also have made some arrangements with the Spruce Corner restaurant to provide a generator there, so they will be able to feed the general public in similar events. These are no small undertakings. We need to be prepared to take care of the caregivers.

Another year and another fair is behind us. We cannot say THANK YOU enough to all who support our efforts. Words are simply inadequate. The hundreds of hours of labor, parkers, mowing, sign making, and so on. It is truly unbelievable how so many come together to make this weekend the huge fund-raising success that it is. We want to **remind** everyone that the **funds raised** through our efforts go back into the Fire Assoc. to be **utilized for Public Safety in our area**. Recently we had to hire high school athletic teams, and coaches so, we support their needs as well as our own. It needs to be pointed out that we **employ 80+ personnel** in our raffle and parking efforts. **THIS DOES NOT COUNT OUR FIRE-EMS PERSONNEL**. We want to say a **THANK YOU** to Rich and Sarah Fournier families and Dennis and Donna Forgea for once again opening their land to us for use parking. Their willingness to allow us to use their property tremendously enhances our parking efforts. Their land enables us to much more efficiently park vehicles and keep the roads open. If we use only one parking lot with a single entrance, we have issues getting vehicles off the roads quickly so the traffic backs up blocking access for emergency vehicles. By

using multiple lots and a coordinated effort through the use to **two-way radios borrowed from Eversource** we are much more able to manage this situation. Many Thanks to Eversource for the loan of this equipment.

A tremendous **THANK YOU** to those who quietly support us all year doing the many unseen, unsung things that need doing. Roger Gunn, George Propane, Chad Wagonet, Ed Morann, our own Town Board of Selectmen, Board of Health and S&S Machine in Savoy to name just a few.

We need to say a special **THANK YOU** to the Fair Board and now President Albert Judd for their, and his, personal assistance during the fair. We experienced what is known locally as “Fair Weather” in that we experienced a period of beautiful weather with no meteorological issues. **THANK YOU** all.

This was the fourth year Eliza Dragon and crew took over the fair raffle project and, again, did a tremendous job. Many experienced personnel assisted Eliza but, there were also new faces behind the table. We never have time to acknowledge all of the donors individually by name, but that does not diminish our sense of gratitude. There are so many great donations to the raffle and we want to take a moment here to say **THANK YOU** to all who contribute to our success. **ALSO, please patronize our donor businesses as a show of support to them.** Any questions on who the list of donors is, please contact Eliza Dragon and she will be happy to provide that information. Thank you.

Finally, we want to express **our gratitude to Eversource** for the donation of the portable radios that makes our vast, massive parking project possible. Without the radios it is nearly impossible to operate over such a large area using hand and arm signals. However, there was a time when we used citizen band radios, and even a series of colored flags to send messages along to the parkers.

We also want to say a **THANK YOU** to all of the men and women and their Fire Departments that come each year, and then year after year, to volunteer their time to provide Public Safety protection to the thousands of fair goers. Without these individuals it truly is impossible for Cummington to cover all of the venues and events at the fair. This year was particularly busy, and stressful, for our medical personnel. We experienced a full cardiac arrest on the grounds. However, due to the quick actions of available First Responders and Paramedics at the fair this individual was revived and lived. No **THANK YOU** would be complete without saying **THANK YOU to MA State Police** for their participation in the fair. MSP brings a mobile communications trailer and parks it next to our command trailer and then through the magic of electronics they integrate the two units into one communications center serving all of our mutual aid partners and emergency personnel. To simply say we are grateful is so understating our gratitude!

We appreciate all everyone does for us, and with us, all year long. We are always seeking dedicated individuals to assist us with providing for the Public Safety of our area.

Members of the Cummington Fire Association, Inc.

Fire Department

During FY 2019 the Fire Department responded to a variety of different calls. Some during the day, some in the middle of the night, some on sunny days and some during the most severe weather possible. Nonetheless we were and are always ready to respond.

Responses:

Chimney Fires	0
Structure Fires	1
Motor Vehicle Crashes	7
Medical Emergencies	62
Mutual Aid	5
Alarm Calls	18
Powerline/Tree Down	15
Misc. (Service calls, Aerial Lift)	17
Total	125

We responded to a structure fire here in town in December 2018 on Brickhouse Road. The dwelling was a new home and almost complete. Unfortunately the fire was reported too late to save anything and had begun to collapse in on itself as we arrived. The crew worked through the night to extinguish the fire and protect any equipment and supplies near the structure. We had great support from our automatic aid partners Plainfield FD, Worthington FD and Highland Ambulance.

Cummington FD also responded as mutual aid to the town of Goshen to a structure fire on Berkshire Trail West in January 2019. Our role was to help supply water to the scene. Engine 2 and Engine 3 (Vacuum Tanker) responded to the scene and a crew stood by in quarters for coverage/response anywhere they may be needed. Engine 2 established a fill site for all of the conventional water tankers. Our Engine 3 along with Plainfield and Westhampton vacuum tankers filled at the same site but they were able to fill themselves using their vacuum pumps. The beauty of these vacuum tankers is that they do not need an engine to fill them like a conventional tanker does. Also, all of these vacuum tankers use the same suction hose; once the first crew lays out the hose we can all use it. I believe this was the first time in our area that 3 vacuum tankers were in rotation at a fire scene. It was a long and cold night for everyone involved.

These are just a couple of the many calls we responded to. To find out more please consider joining! We can always use the help. The FD meets every Tuesday for drills, practice and monthly equipment inspections. We have lots of equipment to stay familiar with so the more we work with and inspect it the better.

We welcomed a new member to the FD this year, Michael Cunningham. He is young, strong, and eager to learn. He has been working hard to complete all of the required training and is great addition to the crew, Thank you Mike!

We continue to annually test our equipment (pumps, hose, breathing apparatus) using licensed, certified agencies. Our other equipment is annually scheduled for maintenance/service. Testing and maintaining this equipment allows us to make sure it is safe and working properly. Beginning in February of 2019, this all became required by the Massachusetts Department of Labor/Standards, so to already have these practices in place was very good for us.

The FD continues to provide coverage at the Massachusetts Renaissance Faire and the Cummington Fair. Thank you to all of the Fire Departments, State and Local Agencies and other entities that support us during these events.

Last but certainly not least, I would like to thank Chief Bernie Forgea for his passionate devotion to the Fire services and to the Town of Cummington. He has given so much to us and continues to do so. We as a FD and town would not be protected and equipped the way we are without his leadership and thoughtfulness. I would like to personally thank you for trusting and helping me work to begin a new chapter of the Cummington FD. It is an honor and privilege to work with you!

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Adam Dragon

Cummington FD members:

Asst. Chief Dennis Forgea	Asst. Chief Steven Emerson
Asst. Chief Bernie Forgea (<i>Chief until Apr 2019</i>)	
LT. Robert Dextraze	LT. Robert Ely
FF Conrad Liebenow	FF William Connell
FF Michael Perkins	FF Sarah Fournier-Scanlon
FF Austin Savoie	FF Michal Dragon
FF Matthew Grallert	FF Michael Cunningham

Highland Ambulance EMS, Inc.

FY 2019 Annual Report

Operations

Highland Ambulance is the primary ambulance service provider for the towns of Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Plainfield and Williamsburg. Highland also provides primary back-up in the town of Worthington in support of Hilltown Ambulance of Huntington. Paramedics are on duty at Highland's station in Goshen from 6 AM until midnight, seven days a week. During the midnight to 6 AM time period, Highland EMT's are occasionally assisted by Paramedics from other ambulance companies when the service of a Paramedic is required. Highland's active roster as of June 30, 2019 consisted of 37 members including 18 Paramedics and 19 EMTs. Our Service Director and Assistant Service Director are two full-time paramedics and we have one full time EMT to solidify our staffing pattern. We have increased our administrative assistant's hours to help with increasing clerical and bookkeeping duties.

Dr. Peter Morse of Cooley Dickinson Hospital is our Medical Director.

Mission

The mission of Highland Ambulance EMS, Inc. is to provide the full range of emergency medical services to the member communities. These services include:

- Providing training and certification testing for all first responders.
- Developing and practicing emergency response plans with the schools and camps in the member towns.
- Conducting health and safety classes for the schools.
- Working with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and Homeland Security to develop emergency response plans for the member towns.
- Providing mutual aid and paramedic intercept services to the neighboring communities.
- Providing transport services.
- Providing standby service for major emergency situations, e.g. house fires.
- Providing standby service for major community events such as the Chesterfield Parade, the Ashfield Fall Festival and the Cummington Fair.
- Responding to all 911 calls that may require emergency medical services.
- Providing CPR programs to community members.

Emergency Responses

During 2019 Highland responded to 675 emergency calls. These are broken down by town as follows:

Ashfield	106 or 15.70%	Chesterfield	62 or 9.2%
Cummington	73 or 10.80%	Goshen	80 or 11.9%
Plainfield	101 or 14.96%	Williamsburg	201 or 29.8%
Other	52 or 7.72%		

Training

The following is a partial list of special training events held:

- CPR and First Responder trainings for Emergency Service Personnel, Police & Firefighters
- Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)
- Medical Management Classes
- ALS/BLS interface classes for area EMTs
- Emergency Vehicle Operations Class (EVOC)
- Basic EMT refresher courses
- Paramedic refresher courses
- 12 Lead EKG and Advanced EKG courses
- Bio-hazard class
- Fire Rehab class

Community Involvement

Here are some of the ways Highland participated in our communities in support of them;

- Ambulance coverage for community events including the Chesterfield 4th of July Parade, the Cummington Fair and the Ashfield Fall Festival.
- Safe Day at Sanderson Academy, New Hingham and Anne T. Dunphy schools.
- In January of 2019, Highland hosted a Board & Finance committee meeting with all 6 participating towns.
- Met with the administrators of the Swift River Addiction Center in Plainfield to discuss 911 responses.
- EMT coverage at the Chesterfield Gorge for a 5K run; also EMTs for the Junior Olympics in Goshen and a Polar Plunge fundraiser at the DAR State Forest.

Operating Expenses in FY 2019: \$708,555.60

Cash on hand June 30 2019

Operating Funds	\$ 62,871.52
Ambulance Fund	184,183.57
Memorial Fund	31,875.57
Dresser Fund	4,079.53
Donations	\$ 96,568.38

Our six towns contributed \$388,828.56 of our total operational budget, based upon town assessments. The balance came from billings to insurance companies, Medicare, Medicaid and contributions.

Building

There were some small repairs/changes, that were not anticipated but needed to be completed in the new facility. These expenses were met either through our current budget or from donations.

Respectfully submitted,

Highland Ambulance Board of Directors:

Ashfield	Patricia Thayer
Goshen	Cassandra Morrey
Chesterfield	Spencer Timm
Plainfield	Edward Morann
Cummington	Amanda Savoie
Williamsburg	Denise Banister
At Large	Bernard Forgea (Cummington)
At Large	unfilled
At Large	Douglas Mollison (Ashfield)

Highway Department

This year the Town purchased an all-season body for the 2005 Sterling Town Truck which has proved very valuable to the Department.

We did \$223,519 worth of Chapter 90 work consisting of repaving parts of Willcutt Road and Nash Road. Fairgrounds Road and Plainfield Road for chip seal. All these processes are bringing the roads up to where they should last for roughly 8 years.

The Highway crew did routine yearly maintenance such as spring sweeping, catch basin cleaning, cleaning shoulders on numerous gravel and pavement roads. We re-graveled Pleasant Street, Honey Hill Road, Bryant Road, Trouble Street and Brick House Road.

Unfortunately, two of our Highway Department employees - James Kaleta and Jaime Crane - stepped down for different reasons. I would like to thank them for the dedication they showed to the Community. We went through a period of the winter season with just a two-man crew, but did add Chris Allard and Cameron Lacey as new members of the Town Highway crew. Welcome aboard and keep up the good work.

I would like to give big thank you to the highway personnel: Robert Dextraze, Chris Allard and Cameron Lacey for their hard work and dedication.

I must say a genuine thank you to you, the Citizens of Cummington, for your patience, understanding and support of the Highway Department.

If you have concerns, the telephone number to the Highway Garage is: 413-634-8818.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Taylor
Highway Superintendent

Historical Commission

Annual Report, July 2018 - June 2019

We had a successful year beginning with the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the founding of the museum in July. Carla Ness opened the festivities with the history of the creation of the Kingman Tavern. Both *The Cummington Story* and a pictorial documentation of the restoration of the Old Parsonage were shown. Patty Kimura read poetry written by former U.S. Poet Laureate Richard Wilbur, and Peg Daniels read an excerpt from her mother's book, *Some Memories and Musings Recaptured from My Lifetime*. Greenwood Music Camp students added a special touch with several chamber music pieces. Scott Keith spoke about the restoration process of the Old Parsonage. Art of the refugees, who came to Cummington in the 1940's, was displayed.

A meeting was held with Kate Bavelock, representing the Hilltown Community Development Corporation, about Step 1 in establishing Cummington's Main Street as a Cultural District. Step 2 would be to apply for grant money.

The museum was open on 8 Saturdays, seeing 79 guests tour the museum complex. Several programs were offered. We were fortunate to have a great crew of tour guides and volunteers helping immensely in the day to day summer operations. Private tours are also offered by request and several were given.

Susan Riley represented the Commission at the William Cullen Bryant Homestead on Bryant Day with a well-received exhibit about early farming.

Inquiries about people and ancestors come to us on a regular basis. We are fortunate to have Leslie Keller take on the role of CHC Genealogist and passionately take on the arduous task of researching our files for information.

Replacing barn windows began by Larry Slezak and Michael Daniels.

We gratefully received several portraits done by Edwin Romanzo Elmer.

A tour of the Town vault was done by Leslie Keller and Carla Ness with Donna Jordan, Town Clerk. It was noted that valuable documents are molding. Suggestions were made to use a dehumidifier and consider finding new places for storage.

Plans were made to exhibit the Edwin Romanzo Elmer portraits this summer (2019) in the Old Parsonage. Additional exhibits included a display of old toys and games from our collection, and Pat Keith's, as well as an exhibit of Florence Manufacturing's Prolon dishware in the Parsonage kitchen.

We were disappointed to receive no applications for the William W. Streeter college scholarship.

Laura Sheridan and Carla Ness entertained trick-or-treaters on Halloween on the porch of the Old Parsonage.

Scott Keith, Treasurer, continues to keep our finances in great shape.

We are always open to new ideas for exhibits and programs, donations and volunteers. We hire tour guides beginning in the spring and urge anyone interested in these positions to apply.

It has been a great 50 years; we have a remarkable collection of early Cummington artifacts. As stewards of the museum complex we strive to keep the momentum going and also use new technology to preserve and protect our treasures. We hope that you will visit and experience the wonder firsthand.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Ness, Chair

Pat Keith, Co-Chair

Historical Commission Financial Report

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Balance July 1, 2018

Revolving Account	\$ 344.62
	<u>\$ 344.62</u>

Receipts

Museum donations	75.00
Sale of <i>Only One Cummington Vol I</i> , 2 @ \$25.00	50.00
Sale of <i>Only One Cummington Vol II</i> , 2 @ \$50.00	100.00
Sale of <i>Vital Records</i> , 1 @ \$25.00	25.00
Sales tax	6.82
Refund, Wired West	49.09
Donations in memory of Dunham family	200.00
	<u>\$ 505.91</u>

Common Stock

Certificates of Deposit

Money Fund Accounts

earnings retained

Balance on hand 06/30/2019
(Special Revolving Account)

17,417.03

2,776.68

\$ 20,193.71

Invested Funds: Market Value as of June 30, 2019

Common Stock:

3.00 shares Advansix Inc.	\$ 73.29
775.00 shares Altria Group Inc.	36,696.25
396.00 shares BP AMOCO PLC SPONS ADR	16,513.20
692.00 shares Bristol Meyers Squibb Co.	31,382.20
400.00 shares Chevron Corp.	49,776.00
250.00 shares Eli Lilly & Co.	27,697.50
600.00 shares Emerson Electric Co.	40,032.00
8.00 shares Garrett Motion Inc.	122.80
3,000.00 shares General Electric Co.	31,500.00
84.00 shares Honeywell Intl Corp.	14,665.56
200.00 shares International Business Machines Corp.	27,580.00
290.00 shares Johnson and Johnson	40,391.20
285.00 shares Kellogg Co.	15,267.45
605.00 shares Merck and Co.	50,729.25
450.00 shares Pepsico Inc.	59,008.50
1,200.00 shares Pfizer Inc.	51,984.00
470.00 shares Proctor and Gamble Co.	51,535.50
14.00 shares Residio Technologies Inc	306.88
379.00 shares Southern Co.	20,951.12
630.00 shares Unilever	38,253.60
16.00 shares Wabtec	1,148.16
	\$ 605,614.46

Certificate of Deposit:

Discover Bank, Greenwood Del matures 06/06/2022 3.100%	20,394.56
	\$ 20,394.56

Money Fund Accounts:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 23,775.58
	\$ 23,775.58

Total Portfolio Holdings \$ 649,784.60

**See Town Accountant's Report for an itemized accounting
of Historical Commission expenditures in FY19.*

FY 19 earnings (16,992.52) were in transit at close of FY19.

Scott Keith,
Historical Commission Treasurer

Municipal Light Plant Board

The Cummington Municipal Light Plant Board
consisted of elected members:
Allan Douglas (MLP Manager),
Brenda Arbib (Secretary),
Scott Keith,
Michael Perkins,
and Maureen Tumenas.

In May, Scott Keith was re-elected to a 1 year position.

We received a second round and third round of funding, \$270,000 and \$157,000 from the state for make ready work. These funds from the state were the balance of the \$840,000 grant. The MLP manager submitted quarterly reports to Bill Ennen with information on how the grant money was being used.

We decided on Whip City Fiber, as our Internet Service Provider (ISP) and to manage our drops. Bi-weekly phone calls with WG&E were used to monitor the status of make ready and to problem solve. Maps of all the dwellings in Cummington were reviewed and corrected. We began plans to consider the build of a municipal network.

Working with WG&E, we obtained construction bids and signed a contract with TriWire for the building of the network. Meeting with TriWire, a plan was developed to provide service to Hampshire County Regional Housing Authority, HCAC, at 37 Hillside Terrace. The connection from the poles to the house, a standard drop was established at 150 feet. Bills of materials were submitted.

Pole applications were completed and we began make ready work, with make ready applications being reviewed by WG&E, replacing and repairing of poles by Verizon and Eversource. Pole setting began in June.

The timeline for our build kept moving, dependent on the utilities completion of make ready.

Westfield Gas and Electric (WG&E), took the lead on helping Cummington become eligible for obtaining and using federal funds from Connect America Funds (CAFI). These funds require a town build of 95%, by all participating towns, to qualify for a potential of \$38,000 distributed after all towns are built: money will be disbursed over a 10 year period.

After much consideration of building codes, access and necessary work, the MLP Board, with the approval of the Selectboard, voted to build the Hub of the broadband network at the Berkshire Trail building. The MLP manager and members of the Board spent many hours working with architects, electricians, heating and cooling companies, builders, general contractors and the Building Inspector, on plans to convert the office area of the building.

The committee worked with the Town Treasurer on when to start the borrowing process and decided borrowing should start the next fiscal year, with first payment due in 2021. A meeting with a representative from UniBank, to determine the best strategy for borrowing, was set up for July.

To keep the residents of Cummington updated on our progress, the MLP Board put information on the town website, maintained a presence on Facebook, and printed informational fliers that were posted around town. In June we held an informational meeting to reach out to people with underground conduits and complete property access forms.

Planning Board

FY 2019

This year, the Planning Board, with support from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC), completed new zoning bylaws for medical and adult use marijuana businesses. These zoning bylaws allow for medical marijuana and adult use marijuana businesses to build up to Tier 3 (20,000 sq ft growing canopy) in the Rural Residential district. These bylaws passed at the May 3, 2018 Special Town Meeting.

As a new Green Community, the Planning Board is developing a proposal to utilize the town's designation grant of \$127,245 from the Department of Energy Resources. One piece of our proposal is for a solar installation to help reduce the town's electric usage and costs through a ground mounted or roof mounted array on municipal property. The Planning Board also received a META-7 grant to complete an energy audit on our municipal buildings. The board contracted Bowman Engineering to complete an ASHRAE Level II audit of the Community House. This audit revealed five possible energy improvements that could result in an average savings of \$522/year. These improvements can also be made with the designation grant as another piece of our proposal.

The Planning Board also received a DLTA grant from PVPC to work on a character bylaw. The board met with the PVPC representative to develop a draft and held two joint meetings with the Zoning Board of Appeals to discuss the potential bylaw. While continuing work on the larger character bylaw, the board opted to put forward a one line zoning bylaw amendment to limit the footprint of buildings requiring a special permit to 6,500 sq ft. The town voted to table the proposal until June 1, 2020 at the Special Town Meeting on January 30, 2020.

The Planning Board is deeply appreciative of the long time dedication and hard work of Robert Taylor and Judith Bogart, both of whom tendered resignation this past year. We thank you for your years of service! The Planning Board welcomes Katy Eiseman, Ilse Godfrey, and Dennis Carr.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Fournier-Lewis

Kalyan Water

Katy Eiseman

Ilse Godfrey

Dennis Carr

Police Department

Dept. Members: Michael Perkins, Sharon Cunningham, Jeffrey Fish and Dennis Forgea (Reserve)

The Police Department remains committed to our community. Working to provide high quality professional service. Through constant training and collaboration with our public safety partners, we accomplish this goal. Online training has become a very valuable part of our training program. This allows us to complete mandatory training as well as stay current with the ever-changing law enforcement needs of today.

The Massachusetts State Police remains a valuable public safety partner. We participate in monthly information sharing meeting and trainings which allows for seamless operations between the two agencies. We are grateful for the support.

I cannot tell you how grateful we are to The Cummington Fire Department, Cummington Fire Association, and Highland Ambulance. These organizations support the Police Department throughout the year. Their hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated! **THANK YOU!**

Please follow **Cummington Emergency Services** on Facebook and **@CummingtonPD** on Twitter. Social Media has become another way for information to be delivered to the community in real time. To keep you the citizens informed! (*Please remember the accounts are not monitored 24/7*)

PLEASE DIAL 911 FOR ALL EMERGENCIES!

POPULAR CALLS FOR SERVICE (Include, but not limited to)

Alarms:	56	Medical Emergencies:	54
Traffic/Safety Hazards:	29	Motor Vehicle Crashes:	25
Suspicious Person/Vehicles:			14
Motor Vehicle Stops/Complaints:			50

Total Calls for Service: 421

In closing, I would like to thank the citizens for supporting the efforts of the Police Department throughout the year. I certainly welcome any comments, questions or suggestions! Please contact the Police Department Business Line at 413.634.0056 or email me: chief@cummingtonpolice.com

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Perkins
Chief of Police

Recreation Committee

July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

The Recreation Committee would like to summarize our FY 2019 year. First, we would like to welcome our two new members, Fletcher Schneeflock and Stacey Mackowiak to our committee. We are pleased to finally have a full committee and our hope is that they will bring new ideas and new adventures will be on the horizon. Welcome!

Realizing that family comes first, volunteering on a committee has always been a big commitment to our town and the events that we sponsor. Our committee is involved with the maintenance and upkeep of our town park. Each and every one of us tries to do our part maintaining and sponsoring the events scheduled. They include Halloween, Santa at the Gazebo and the new ice rink. The ice rink would not be possible without the assistance from the Fire Department, and the Police and Fire are a big part of Halloween and Santa. We would like to thank them for volunteering their time to help us with these events.

We also sponsor the Family Center, the Junior Olympics, a Town-Wide Tag Sale and the Women's Softball Tournament. We also encourage the rental (by donation) of the Town Park, which includes the ball field, pavilion, kitchen, bathrooms, playground and tennis court. It's really a great place to hold your special event. Our Chair, Geraldine Wilcox, keeps our calendar of events; all reservations are approved by her. Payment is sent to Donna Forgea, Treasurer. This year we will be updating our agreement of rental, which can be downloaded from Cummington's website. As members, we all need to participate in making sure the Park is clean and tidy for each event scheduled.

Our budget is approved by Town Meeting each year and has remained the same for many years. We pride ourselves with not overspending, but providing the supplies/repairs needed for our Park. Some of our expenses include electric bills, propane, bathroom and kitchen supplies, Halloween and Santa supplies, water, opening and closing of the kitchen/bathrooms, ice rink set up supplies and any other miscellaneous items needed for upkeep.

The Junior Olympics is our longest running activity that we have sponsored, more than 40 years. Stanley Svoboda had this idea when he was a Recreation member that a competition be held between the hill towns to give the children a feeling of participation in the Olympics, with medals awarded and a chance to stand up and be recognized for their achievement. All participants are recognized with a medal for competing. Sadly, this event is in jeopardy of continuing, the participation from all the towns involved is down. Cummington has over 100 children ages 4-14, only 8 signed up this year. To form a team we joined with

the Town of Chesterfield. As a sponsor of this great event, we pay for meals, medals and shirts. Local businesses buy signs as advertisements to be displayed the day of the event. It takes over 100 volunteers to put this event on, from tabulators, measurers, recorders, timers, and the set up crew, the cooks and the representatives from the towns. Our representative is Denise Perkins. We also want to thank Nikki Wortiz who also represented Cummington. So sorry to see you leave. How can we encourage you as parents to sign your children up for this special event? Technology may have stepped in and robbed the goodness of competition and the team building spirit of this very special event.

In closing, your committee is here to continue to provide our Town of Cummington with a recreation area to be proud of. Your part is to keep your dogs on a leash, clean up after your dog, and to help us keep this area as clean as we possibly can. Your new ideas are always welcomed and calling any member is your privilege.

Your Recreation Committee,

Geraldine Wilcox, Chair
Amy Grallert, Secretary
Donna Forgea, Treasurer
Laurie Freitag, Member
Nikki Wortiz, Member
Eliza Dragon, Member
Jennifer O'Neil
Fletcher Schneeflock
Stacey Mackowiak

Vocational School Committee

The Vocational School Committee would like to thank the Cummington Town Meeting Members for their continued support for the tuition and transportation of our students to attend Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School. Our students are receiving an excellent education with many vocational options to choose from.

Again we thank our long time bus contractor, Roger Gunn and Stevensville Corp. for the dependable service rendered to our students.

Congratulations to our graduates in 2019:

Ethan Harrison

Autumn Higgins

We wish them well in their chosen careers.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Cunningham

Theodore Lynds

Jane Adams

Water Commissioners Report

Fiscal Year 2019

We can easily say we had a fairly normal year. Maintenance and repairs remain a staple for us. A change in Commissioners, rates/rents is being maintained and bills and loans are being paid. Your Commissioners are delivering a clean and frequently tested product.

Our largest repair was the PH meter in West Cummington. It was recalibrated, tested and repaired. The alarm/dialer was also repaired.

Reoccurring expenses continue to be: electricity, propane, testing, chemicals and the telephone alarm/dialer. Things have increased slightly, but remain constant. Our two forty-year loans will expire in 2025 and 2027. The remainder due as of June 30, 2019 is \$162,271.10. Wow! There is a light at the end of the tunnel.

As the laws change and they do, frequently, a water operator is necessary now to be able to run any water system. They need to maintain classes to renew their licenses. Luckily, we have Dennis Forgea as our operator and he continues his education/classes. A large part of his responsibilities include daily duties, weekly duties, monthly duties and yearly duties along with the paperwork, reports and general maintenance. He remains our go to person for any challenges we need to face and visa-versa, he keeps us up to date with any new changes and/or responsibilities. Thank you Dennis.

We've hired Jacob Jordon to mow at the water building in West Cummington and around the storage tank on Dodwells Road. He does a great job.

In closing, we are saying good-bye to Donna Forgea as a Commissioner. She has served more than 30+ years, and actually was elected during the installation of the Water System back in 1985-89. She was instrumental in creating the Water Hydrant Assessment. It allowed the water users additional revenue to sustain their budget, with the newly acquired loans. It provided a tool for the taxpayers not on the water system to pay a fair share of using town water at different facilities within the town. By putting in a Fire Hydrant system, taxpayers realized a substantial reduction in their homeowners insurance. So, if you live within a reasonable distance from a water Fire Hydrant, that would include you too.

We are welcoming Todd Emerson as a Water Commissioner. He will serve as Chairman and make sure all the bills get paid in a timely fashion. He will also generate your water rents. Thank you Todd for stepping up and accepting this position. Donna Forgea is willing to help and answer questions if needed.

We also want to thank the Collector for collecting the rents. Please pay on time.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Emerson, Chairman
Dann Emerson, Commissioner

Thomaz Jaracz, Commissioner
Dennis Forgea, Water Operator

Zoning Board of Appeals

July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

1. The first special permit hearing of FY 2019 was held on July 19, 2018, and pertained to the application of the Town of Cummington to “Convert existing elementary school to mixed use building.”

After the hearing was closed the following motion was made, seconded, and approved by a unanimous vote of the five voting members: Ness, Holden, Howes, Strong, and Bevan:

“To grant the Town of Cummington a Special Permit to change the use of the building formerly known as the Berkshire Trail Elementary School located at 2 Main Street, from educational use to multi-use with the following conditions:

- 1. Whereas it is a town-owned building, it shall remain under the control of the Selectboard.**
- 2. Prospective tenants shall apply to, and be vetted by the Selectboard;**
- 3. if tentatively approved, applicant(s) shall then have the Building Inspector confirm that the proposed use is an allowed use for the building’s construction type.**
- 4. Once both the Selectboard and Building Inspector have given conditional approval, the prospective tenants must then apply to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a Special Permit for the desired specific use.**
- 5. It is also noted that on September 14, 1989 a Variance to the yard dimensional requirements was granted to the Town so that remodeling and an addition to the building could take place. The conditions of that Variance must continue to be maintained. The Variance is recorded in Book 3475, Page 304, Hampshire County Registry of Deeds.**

All Special Permits in Cummington are granted to the Permittee, and do not ‘run with the land’.”

2. A second public hearing was commenced on December 6, 2018, to consider the application for a special permit by Cummington DG Series LLC for “A proposed ‘retail sales’ use in the Village District” at 337 Berkshire Trail (the former apple storage building site). This hearing was then continued until January 17, 2019.

“The following motion was made, seconded: “To approve the Special Permit for the proposed retail building development submitted by Cummington DG Series LLC and Liscotti Development,” the motion

failed to be approved by a vote of the five voting members: Ness, opposed; Holden, opposed; Howes, in favor; Strong, in favor; and Bevan, opposed.

All Special Permits (when issued) in Cummington are granted to a Permittee, and do not ‘run with the land’.”

On February 14, 2019 Cummington DG Series LLC filed an appeal of the ZBA’s decision with the Massachusetts Land Court. That case is pending.

3. A third public hearing for a special permit was held on March 14, 2019, to consider the application of Justincredible Cultivation, LLC to re-purpose “... the use of a storage facility into a recreational cannabis cultivation facility.”

“After the hearing was closed a motion was made, seconded, and approved by a unanimous vote of the four voting members: Ness, Howes, Bevan, and Smith:

“To grant a special permit to Justincredible Cultivation, LLC for a 2,000 sq. ft. marijuana cultivation facility located at 116 Powell Road with the condition that there will be no pickups or deliveries between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. (unless objected to by the Cannabis Control Commission).

All Special Permits in Cummington are granted to the Permittee, and do not ‘run with the land’.”

The Permittee is further reminded that any change or extension of the use and/or, any reconstruction, extension, or structural change beyond what is described in the application or what was expressed at the hearing, would require applying for, and being granted a new special permit.”

4. A fourth special permit hearing was held on April 11, 2019, to consider the application of Roger Wolf, 154 Nash Road, Cummington, MA for a Special Permit to operate a firewood processing facility on his property located on Stage Road.

“After the hearing was closed a motion was made, seconded, and approved by a unanimous vote of the five voting members: Ness, Howes, Strong, Bevan, and Smith:

To grant Roger Wolf a special permit to operate a firewood processing facility on his property located on Stage Road, identified on assessors’ map 16, as lot 6, provided the following conditions are met:

- 1. Hours of allowed business operation Monday – Saturday 7:00 am – 6:00 pm, and;**
- 2. the processor shall not be operated on Sundays, and there shall be no log deliveries prior to 10:00 am on Sundays, and;**

3. the applicant shall construct a sound barrier using sound absorbent material such as hay, perpendicular to the line of sight between the processor and any residential building within 600 feet of the processor, and;
4. the applicant shall plant an evergreen buffer near the road to help visually obscure the operation, and;
5. any increase in the scale of the operation by adding a larger, or an additional wood processor would require applying for, and being granted a new special permit.

All Special Permits in Cummington are granted to the Permittee, and do not ‘run with the land’.”

All Permittees are further reminded that any change or extension of the use and/or, any reconstruction, extension, or structural change beyond what is described in the application or what was expressed at the hearing, would require applying for, and being granted a new special permit.”

On May 17, 2019 the Tonelli’s (abutters) filed an appeal of this decision with the Massachusetts Land Court. That case is pending.

The Minutes, Exhibits, and all other documentation relating to these matters are available from the Town Clerk.

The members of the Cummington Zoning Board of Appeals are:

Carla Ness	Chair
Michael Holden	Clerk
Kenneth Howes	Member
Ernest Strong	Member
Mark Bevan	Member
Eric Smith	Associate Member.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Holden
Clerk

Hilltown Community Development Corporation

2019

The Hilltown Community Development Corporation (Hilltown CDC) was created in 1981 with a mission to *“improve the quality of life for hilltown residents by addressing economic, housing, educational, social and community needs while preserving the rural character of the area.”* Its core service area includes the ten towns of Chester, Chesterfield, Cumington, Goshen, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg and Worthington. In recent years its small business assistance program has expanded to serve 21 Hilltowns. Hilltown CDC’s four major program areas are affordable housing, small business assistance, social services and community development/planning. Hilltown CDC also administers a regional grant program that secures federal grant funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to ensure housing and services are provided to the homeless through a Continuum of Care (CoC) model which serves Hampshire, Franklin and Berkshire Counties.

Hilltown CDC works with the community to identify and secure financial resources to serve the community development needs of the region. In 2018, Hilltown CDC helped the hilltown region care for the elderly, provided safe affordable housing to seniors and low-income families, improved many Hilltown homes and continued work that supports local agriculture such as the Keep Farming initiative.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION: Hilltown CDC operates the FRTA Senior Van. The program doubled its ridership in 2018 providing essential transportation to seniors for medical appointments, groceries and recreation. The FRTA is not the final solution to the transportation needs in the Hilltowns but it is a helpful resource to ensure a minimum of transportation services are available to our seniors. Hilltown CDC will continue to explore ways to expand rural transportation options for local residents.

SOCIAL SERVICES: Hilltown CDC’s **Hilltown Elder Network (HEN)** Program delivered in-home caregiving assistance (primarily chore and transportation assistance) to low-income Hilltown elders at no cost to the participants. HEN staff provided transportation for medical visits and other purposes, including snow removal. Community Development Block Grant funding was awarded allowing Hilltown CDC to provide CDBG funded HEN services. This grant allowed these services to be delivered through calendar year 2019. Funding is also provided by Highland Valle Elder Services, Hampshire County United Way and the Eleanor Schwartz Charitable Foundation.

The following social service programs provided assistance to residents in the hilltowns with CDBG funds:

- **The Health Outreach Program for Elders (HOPE)**, administered by Hilltown Community Health Centers (HCHC), provided free in-home nursing care and podiatric services to homebound elders.
- **The Hilltown Food Pantry** distributed food to hilltown individuals. The Pantry is administered by the Northampton Survival Center at the Goshen Town Hall.
- **Child Care Subsidies**, hilltown families were provided subsidies through this program to assist them with childcare expenses.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE:

- Provided individualized business consulting and/or training to hilltown businesses, ranging from one hour to 30 hours per business.
- Published the 2019 Hilltown Business Directory, distributed to 16,000 Hilltown households in 23 towns, with contact information and descriptions of over 300 Hilltown businesses. The Directory is also on-line at www.hilltowncdc.org.
- Operated our first mobile farmers market's in Huntington and Worthington.
- Coordinated the Arts Alliance open studio tour

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: We actively pursue opportunities to preserve and create affordable housing to meet the needs of low and moderate income Hilltown residents.

- **Westhampton Woods Senior Housing:** Hilltown CDC owns and operates Westhampton Woods Senior Housing which provides 15 apartments for low-to-moderate income seniors over 60 years old.
- **Rental Housing:** Hilltown CDC completed the renovation of 24 units of scattered affordable rental housing in six properties located in Williamsburg, Westhampton and Chesterfield in 2016. Hilltown CDC hired a local contractor to complete this project.
- **Goshen Senior Housing:** Hilltown CDC completed construction of 10 rental units of affordable senior housing. Hilltown CDC secured \$2.7 million to develop this project.

HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM: This program provides zero percent interest, deferred-payment loans to income eligible homeowners for use in making a wide variety of repairs to their homes, including roofs, septic systems, electrical, plumbing, and heating. In addition, the program provides a source of steady year-round employment for area contractors.

In 2019:

- Hilltown CDC rehabilitated homes in the Towns of, Cummington, Chesterfield, Williamsburg, Peru and Plainfield.

COMMUNITY PLANNING: We also work closely with municipalities and community groups in our service area to plan for, raise funds for and/or manage a range of projects. During 2019 HCDC:

- Continue to support the Hilltown Arts Alliance
- Helping coordinate planning meetings with towns regarding hazard mitigation and climate
- Leadership role in a regional food system project to pilot a mobile market food delivery system
- Working with Cummington to establish a cultural district.

Please visit www.hilltowncdc.org for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Christopolis,
Executive Director
Hilltown Community Development Corporation

HCG Annual Report

July 2018-June 2019

Fiscal Year 2019 was a year that the Hampshire Council of Governments (HCG) experienced successes, challenges, and difficult decisions.

Of all operations, the energy services provided the greatest revenue source through its multiple enterprises including Solar Renewable Energy Credits, Alternative Energy Credits (AEC), Hampshire Renewables, and Hampshire Power. Through the efforts of the HCG Executive Director and staff, HCG partnered with Ag-Grid to create ‘Cow Power,’ net metering credits to western Massachusetts customers using anaerobic digesters from local dairy farms. In addition to Hampshire Renewables’ Cow Power program, staff oversaw new solar projects throughout western MA. All told Hampshire Renewables sold the net metering credits for 28 solar farms in six MA counties. Hampshire Power supported local non-profit agencies including the United Way, the Food Bank of Western Mass, and the Cancer Connection through participant program rebates. Hampshire’s energy credit business expanded into serving owners of air source heat pumps and modern wood heating through the AEC aggregation. By the end of 2019, HCG had over 1/3 of the total market share of AECs and specialized in helping homeowners and other smaller systems.

The Cooperative Purchasing Department experienced growth in participation, expansion, and development through its increased outreach and entrepreneurial efforts. The new Municipal Equipment Rental program was established through awarded contracts covering a variety of heavy equipment. This allowed a streamlined process for towns to hire regional equipment and relieved towns from the need to seek quotes. Multiple vendors were awarded contracts, which was especially useful in emergency situations. Overall, the Cooperative recorded over \$8 million in reported sales for the first three quarters in FY2019.

RSVP of the Pioneer Valley provided volunteer services to Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire Counties. It included over 600 volunteers and 57 site partners through the region. Volunteers are matched with the community programs that will benefit the most from their expertise. Program volunteers provided over 100,000 hours for town and city agencies and local nonprofits. Those hours alone had an estimated savings to local taxpayers of over \$3M. RSVP also provided free weekly Healthy Bones and Balance classes, designed to increase participants’ strength, mobility, flexibility, and balance. The annual RSVP Luncheon was held to honor local volunteers, recognizing those that had provided over 4,000 volunteer hours throughout their lifetime with the President’s Volunteer Service Award Lifetime Achievement.

The Tobacco Free Community Partnership of Hampshire and Franklin Counties (TFCP) engaged in a grass roots community education and mobilization. The program raised public awareness about health issues related to tobacco use, the strategies used by the tobacco industry to promote use, and the importance of tobacco control laws and regulations. The Partnership assists all local tobacco control programs to plan and coordinate their activities, local housing authorities and landlords to establish non-smoking regulations, and to educate youth on the hazards of smoking. An area that became increasingly important during FY2019 was the impact of vaping.

Administration coordinated efforts in partnership with Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS) to offer the Western MA OPEB Trust, a program designed to help towns meet their financial retiree obligation. A workshop was also organized with PARS and HCG's auditors, Melanson/Heath, to review the changes in OPEB reporting standards due to GASB revisions beginning with FY2018 audits. Another successful forum included an OSHA workshop with local DPW directors, fire and police chiefs, and town officials. Additionally, onsite OSHA training was scheduled in several communities. FY2019 also saw the commencement of the long-awaited Phase 2 of the historic Courthouse Repair. The entire south facing façade, including the tower, was repaired and restored by year end.

Over the last few years, HCG has experienced many successes and growth: SREC brokerage service; AEC brokerage service, Hampshire Solar net metering, Hampshire IT; Regional Accounting; Solar Hot Water Challenge; new collaborative bids for hazardous waste disposal, EMS supplies, custodial supplies, tree pruning; Green Communities/ META grant; and much more. HCG also worked to reduce its financial obligations and add new revenue streams including legislative efforts for Deeds Excise funding; Enabling Legislation amendment to allow HCG to borrow based on energy revenue; State assumption of retirees' health care benefits; reduction in overall departmental costs. Despite these efforts, the Hampshire Council of Governments, like its predecessor Hampshire County, has been struggling financially for many years.

In FY2019 it became increasingly clear that revenue received was unable to sustain ongoing legacy costs and annual operations. And as noted above, efforts to address the issue had been largely unsuccessful. Councilors reluctantly concluded that HCG must ultimately cease operations. However, Councilors were mindful of the local benefits of its programs and services and discussions as to how to move forward. Those discussions centered on two major goals. First, to work with the legislative delegation to migrate HCG's ongoing liabilities to other agencies and to use HCG's remaining assets to fund those liabilities. Second, to seek the responsible and prudent transfer of HCG programs and staff so the services could continue.

By the end of FY2019, planning around the first goal was well underway. On the second, through negotiations with local organizations, Councilors were able to relocate most programs and staff. Community Action of Pioneer Valley was successful in assuming oversight of the federally funded RSVP program along with all of the employees. HCG transferred all highway-related products and services and fuel bids to the Franklin Regional Council of Governments while all municipal school and office supply bids were transferred to Collaborative for Educational Services (CES). TFCP's programs were also conveyed to CES. Additionally, the two organizations took on HCG staff. Supporting both goals, HCG negotiated the sale of Hampshire Power and the Solar Renewable Energy Credit Program assets and worked to transfer all contracts and employees to a new, private company. HCG's role as Trustees of one the state's most successful health insurance programs was transferred to the Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust. Lastly, the Town of Goshen assumed the Hampshire IT program. Other legislative discussions included OPEB liabilities, health insurance, retirement liabilities, historic records, and the status of county roads and the Hampshire County Regional Housing Authority. At the end of FY2019, HCG planned to cease most operations as of August 31st. Determination of the final details of dissolution were still under deliberation by the Legislature and other branches of State government. Final dissolution and closure is expected to happen in FY2020.

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Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative

FY19 Report

The Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative (HRMC) was created in 1989 by a group of dedicated volunteers who had the vision to seek a regional solution to help small towns attain sustainability and environmental objectives.

The member-Towns that comprise the HRMC include: Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg, and Worthington. Each Town appoints two representatives to serve on the HRMC Board. Board Officers for 2019 included: Joe Kearns, Chair (Middlefield); John Chandler, Vice Chair (Chesterfield); and Paul Wetzel, Treasurer (Williamsburg).

The HRMC assists hilltown member-communities with managing their solid waste including: municipal waste hauling and disposal bid administration, recycling administration, hazardous waste disposal, and, DEP compliance and technical assistance. In 2019, those services included:

- Liaison between Towns & MADEP on compliance matters & annual DEP inspections.
- Execution of an annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection event.
- Program management of Transfer Station Recyclables including collection, hauling and recycling of tires, electronic waste, universal waste (including free recycling of mercury thermostats and re-chargeable batteries), books, and Freon evacuation.
- Transfer Station operations and outreach.
- Preparation and submittal of DEP annual surveys, grant submittals, and reporting.
- Financial administration including transitioning from HCG services to a new accounting firm.

In addition to the managing the day to day business and program operations of the HRMC, the HRMC Administrator also serves as a representative on behalf of its member Towns to the MRF Municipal Advisory Board, the State Solid Waste Advisory Committee and, the Western Mass Regional Recycling Coordinator group; advocates with local, regional, and State officials; and, is available to serve as a liaison to the DEP on transfer

In 2019, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) announced their Recycling Dividend Program Grants under the annual Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP). All ten HRMC member-towns were eligible for and received grants submitted for them through the HRMC. In total, the HRMC Towns received \$46,900.00 in grant funding to be used to further enhance recycling programs within their communities. The Town of Cummington received a \$5,950 RDP grant to be used for recycling equipment and programs at the transfer station.

HRMC has an annual operation's assessment that is approved by each Town at their annual Town meeting. The annual Assessment Budget is based on tonnage and population. In FY19, the combined assessment for all ten towns was \$61,170. The Assessments offset base operating expenses. Recycling program collection costs (other than MRF recyclables) are pass-thru expenses from the HRMC to the Towns to best maximize the economy of scale and to enable the HRMC administrator to have review and oversight of vendor relations, and program operations.

During the past year, the HRMC member-Towns collectively diverted 921 tons of recyclable materials to the Springfield MRF. In addition, the Towns of Plainfield and Westhampton diverted bulky rigid plastics; and the Towns of Cummington, Plainfield, Westhampton and Williamsburg diverted EPS (Styrofoam). The Town of Williamsburg continued to serve as the HRMC regional mattress recycling facility. The Town of Westhampton continued to serve as the host-site for the HRMC's annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection event.

Eight of the ten member-Towns have adopted recycling goals of 50% with the intent of increasing quantity and improving the quality of materials being recycled at their transfer stations and to reduce waste being landfilled. In 2019, The Town of Cummington had a recycling rate of 33.3% compared with a rate of 34.5% in 2018. The Town recycled 59 tons of recyclables at the MRF in 2019.

For more information about HRMC programs, visit us online at: www.hrmc-ma.org or by emailing hrmc@hrmc-ma.org.

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Wild & Scenic Westfield River Committee

2019 Annual Report

The Wild & Scenic Westfield River Committee works to preserve, protect, and enhance the special qualities and outstanding natural resources of the Westfield River Watershed in concert with local communities. Appointed representatives from Becket, Chester, Chesterfield, Cummington, Huntington, Middlefield, Savoy, Washington, Windsor, and Worthington meet monthly with representatives from the National Park Service, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and others. Project funding is provided through the National Park Service's Partnership Wild & Scenic Rivers Program.

2019 was a year of change as the Commonwealth withdrew its administrative support for the Committee; project funding from the National Park Service continues. The committee is working with our elected state representatives to restore this small amount of funding which helps leverages the Park Service funding.

The committee's outreach and education efforts continue to be a strong component of our efforts.

Wild & Scenic Saturdays and workdays took place in and around the West & East Branch of the Westfield River. Highlights included:

- **Showing of the Wild and Scenic Film Festival at four locations in the watershed.**
- **Continued with the Center Pond Weed Project in Becket.**
- **Vernal Pools Plunge, a three-day intensive training in collaboration with Hilltown Land Trust. In 2019 nine pools were certified due to this program. All 16 towns have a trained Vernal Pool Rep.**
- **Four Highlands Footpath Workdays carried out in the Chester/Blandford State Forest (on the Newman Marsh trail).**
- **Hikes in collaboration with the Highlands Footpath along the Highlands Footpath route in Lee, Becket, Washington, and Chester.**
- **Two Native Bee Identification trainings were offered.**
- **Began outreach to Silvio Conte Wildlife Refuge for a possible 2020 project clean up and restoration plan of the Bisbee Mill site in Chesterfield MA.**
- **Tidying the East Branch Trail (Yearly clean up on the EBT Chesterfield).**

Meredyth Babcock, the committee's outreach coordinator, coordinated two short segment videos that were shared on WGBY's connecting point.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BEGmaQNT5D8>

Vernal Pool WGBY

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xjOe_cI0GWE

Tidying the East Branch Trail

The Committee continues to support the work of the Highlands Footpath Collaborative. We are excited by the development of a long-distance footpath through the towns and along segments of the river with a Wild & Scenic designation. This is a unique opportunity to incorporate many trails along designated river segments and highlight the dynamic Westfield River in outreach and planning.

The sixth annual Watershed Blitz was held on September 28th. The Town of Cummington partnered with us, donating their park, community center and amenities. Eight specialists from various organizations and area universities offered a full day's exploration to over 57 community members who collectively spent 342 hours in one day marveling at and collecting data on the East Branch of the Westfield River.

The committee provided financial assistance to Mass Audubon and The Nature Conservancy for land conservation projects in Plainfield and Middlefield. Money was awarded to the Town of Windsor to help finish their final culvert design study along River Road.

The committee is supporting a number of communities within the watershed as they work to complete their Municipal Vulnerability Program (MVP) plans. To date, half of the Wild and Scenic Communities are working on a MVP plan. They are Becket, Cummington, Chesterfield, Windsor, and Worthington. We expect the other towns to shortly follow.

The committee has begun planning to create a new master plan to guide our work into the future.

Our committee meets once a month and all meetings are open to the public. We encourage you to take part in any of our sponsored activities, including stream teams, river clean-ups, land protection, and workshops. To learn more about what is happening in the watershed, visit our newly updated website at: www.wildscenicwestfieldriver.org

For more information contact your local representative,
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Respectfully submitted,

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Wild and Scenic Westfield River Committee

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